THE NAPANEE EXPRESS

Vol. LXIV No 3—E J. POLLARD, Editor and Proprietor. $1.50 per year in advance

NAPANEE, ONTARIO, CANADA—TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 1924.

Historical Society o

Canning Produce Wanted

See our Representative at the ROYAL HOTEL, Napanee, on SATURDAY AFTERNOONS. We are also contracting for seed peas.

THE E. C. METCALF CANNING CO.

DESERONTO, - ONT. 3tf

Drs. Mullaley and Mullaley

CHIROPRACTORS

Electric and Light Therapy.
Centre St. (north of Bridge St.)
Hours: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Consultation free. Phone 301

HARDWOOD - FLOORING!

Seaman-Kent Hardwood Flooring—Floors Re-surfaced and Finished.

ARTHUR A. SILLS,
Coleman Street, BELLEVILLE

Use Satin Finish

HARDWOOD FLOORING

and save the expense of scraping. It's finished before it is laid.

For estimates, etc., ask

PICTON WOODWORKING CO.
45-tf Picton.

DR. RALPH AYLSWORTH

EYE SPECIALIST

Specialist in the correction and relief of defective eyesight and eyestrain with glasses.

For Appointment
'Phone 29
Wallace's Drug Store,
Napanee. 52-tf

DOXSEE & CO.

MILLINERY

All Winter Hats at greatly reduced prices, to clear.

Chamoisette Gloves, fine quality in Grey and Beige, all sizes.

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS

In a variety of styles. Our Christmas range is now complete.

HOSIERY

In Silk and Wool, Cashmere and all Silk. Colors, Grey, Beige, Airedale, Brown and Black, including Bi Tex at $2.50.

LADIES' SCARFS

In Silk Knit and Crepe de Chene, Prices moderate.

See the Madame X Reducing Girdle and Brassiere.

The Leading Millinery House

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

—Overcoats for Men and Boys, discounted 20 per cent.
—Boys' Suits, discounted 10 per cent.
—Suspenders.
—Silk and Knitted Neckwear, in fancy boxes, 50c., 75c., and 95c.

W.W.ADAMS
Merchant Tailor
Newburgh, - Ont.

If you want something neat and tasty in Xmas Greeting Cards get them at The Napanee Express Printing House.

Christmas Remittances

We sell Drafts, Money Orders and Cable Remittances on all parts of the World at lowest rates.

Quick Service

THE
DOMINION BANK
NAPANEE BRANCH,

G. PATTON CARR, Manager.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTICE.

If you want the best services and prices, get in touch with an experienced auctioneer. For terms apply to L. S. Weaver, Stirling, Phone 81 r 4-3, or L. F. Bogart, Carson Block, Napanee. Phone 372, House 240. 52-tf

FOR SALE—Residence on East street, formerly occupied by Mr. R. J. Dickinson. Apply to J. L. BOYES.

FOR SALE—One second-hand square piano, extra good condition. A real bargain. Apply to SPENCER & SON. 23

WANTED—At once, Alsike seed in quantities. Highest market price paid. Bring in a sample. GEO. E. WINTER, Dundas St.

FOR SALE—17-ft. Motor Boat, in good running order. Just right size for camp and trolling. Speed, 2 to 3 miles per hour. Apply E. L. BEDORE. 32-tf

ALWAYS a number of farms and houses in town for sale. Owners may also list property for sale at low terms. No sale, no charge. T. B. GERMAN, Barrister, Napanee, Ont. 6-tf

FOR SALE OR TO LET—Residence and two lots on Dundas street. Ten acres and building with sixty horse power boiler, engine and shafting on West street. MRS. MIDMER, Millhaven.

WANTED—All lines of Live and Dressed Poultry, Honey, Dairy Butter, Newlaid Eggs. Write for prices. Prompt Cash Payment. Satisfaction guaranteed. GUNN LANGLOIS & CO., Montreal. 52-d

½ TON FORD TRUCK FOR SALE 1917, a sacrifice. Have you heard about the new Peerless Hand Milker. Ask your neighbor. Frost & Wood Machinery and Cockshutt Plows, Slated Roofing. Sold by SPENCER & SON. 34

FOR SALE—East half Lot 14, Con. 6, Ernestown, known as Close farm, 100 acres. Frame dwelling, barn and outbuildings, sap bush. Selling to close estate. Apply to E. M. WILSON, Solicitor, Napanee.

LOST—On Friday afternoon on Bridge, John or East streets, a two dollar bill and a one dollar bill, both new and folded together. Will finder kindly return to this office. Reward. 3-ap

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the estate of Sarah Frances Sheehan, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1914, Section 56, and amending Acts, that all persons having any claims against the estate of Sarh Frances Sheehan, late of the town of Napanee, in the County of Lennox and Addington, married woman, deceased, are required to deliver or send to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of January, A.D., 1925, full particulars of their claims duly verified.

And further take notice that after the said 12th day of January, A.D., 1925, the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate and shall not be liable to any person of whose claims they shall not have received notice at the time of the distribution thereof.

HERRINGTON, WARNER & GRANGE,
Solicitors for the said estate.

Dated this 8th day of December, 1924. 2-d

A "Want Adv." in the columns of The Express brings results.

JARVIS AND SMITH APPEALS

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The appeals of Aemilius Jarvis, sr., and of Peter Smith from sentences imposed by Chief Justice R. M. Meredith, following conviction in connection with commissions on duty free bonds sold to the Provincial Government, are likely to be heard by Appellate Court at Osgoode Hall some time next week.

No formal appeal has been made by Peter Smith against sentence, but W. N. Ferguson, K.C., special Crown prosecutor, has notified Smith's counsel, H. Lennox, K.C., that he should be present, as sentence of his client is to be reviewed before court.

For the Kiddies.

Automobiles, Tricycles, Wagons and Hand-sleighs to make them happy.

WILSON'S HARDWARE.

NOMINATION MEETING.

Kaladar, Anglesea and Effingham.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the electors of the Townships of Kaladar, Anglesea and Effingham, will be held at the Town Hall, Flinton, on Monday, December the 29th, 1924, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating candidates to fill the offices of Reeve and Councillors for said Townships of Kaladar, Anglesea and Effingham, for the year 1925.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1924.

MOSES LESSARD,
Clerk of said Townships.

VOTERS' LIST.

Town of Napanee.

Notice is hereby given that I have transmitted or delivered to the persons mentioned in Section 9 of the Ontario Voters' Lists Act, the copies required by said section to be so transmitted or delivered of the list made pursuant to said Act of all persons appearing by the last revised Assessment Roll of the said municipality to be entitled to vote in the said municipality at elections for members of the Legislative Assembly and at Municipal Elections and that the said list was first posted up at my office in Napanee, on the 15th day of November, 1924, and remains there for inspection.

And I hereby call upon all voters to take immediate proceedings to have any errors or omissions corrected according to law.

W. A. GRANGE, Clerk.

NOMINATION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the electors of the Township of Richmond will be held at the Town Hall, Selby, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1924 between the hours of twelve and one o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of Reeve and four Councillors to represent the township of Richmond in the Township Council for the year 1925.

If a greater number of candidates are nominated than are required to be elected, then a poll will be opened in the usual polling sub-divisions in the township on Monday, the 5th day of January, A.D., 1925, the polls to continue open from nine o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon and no longer.

H. A. WOOD,
Returning Officer.

Dated at Selby, this 16th day of December, 1924.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power contained in a certain mortgage which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be offered for sale by Public Auction, subject to a reserve bid, on Thursday, January 8th, 1925, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of T. B. German, 60 John Street, Napanee, Ontario, the following property, namely:

All and singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate lying and being in the Township of Richmond in the County of Lennox and Addington, and Province of Ontario, and being composed of all that part of the West half of lot number sixteen in the third concession of the said Township of Richmond, lying north of the travelled road crossing said lot and east of the side road lying between said lot and lot number fifteen in the said third concession, containing seventy acres more or less, and being all that part of said lot owned by the said Mortgagor excepting a small piece sold therefore conveyed to the said Township of Richmond for gravel.

The above is a very desirable farm property situate in one of the choicest localities; within a short distance of the Town of Napanee and favored with exceptional conveniences and should be a most attractive opportunity for those wishing to purcase a farm.

The property will be offered subject to conditions of sale which will be produced at the time of sale.

TERMS OF SALE: 10 per cent. of the purchase money to be paid at the time of sale and the balance to be paid within 10 days thereafter.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to T. B. German, Esq., Barrister-at-law, Napanee, Ontario.

T. B. GERMAN,
Solicitor for the Mortgagee.
3-d

RICHMOND MINUTES

Selby, Dec. 15th, 1924.

Council met in the Town Hall, Selby.

Members present were R. W. Paul, Reeve, Councillors Schuyler Phillips, E. A. Deroche, W. J. Gollinger and M. Dupre.

Minutes of last session were read and adopted.

Moved by S. French, seconded by W. J. Gollinger, that a By-Law be introduced appointing the several Polling Places and Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks for the Township of Richmond, for the election for 1925, Jan. 5th Carried.

Moved by E. A. DeQuaig, seconded by M. Dupre, that a By-Law No. 725 be read a third time and finally passed, signed and sealed. Carried.

Moved by M. Dupre, seconded by E. A. McQuaig, that the Treasurer's Financial Statement for 1924 be received and a copy of same be printed. Carried.

Moved by M. Dupre, seconded by W. J. Gollinger, that W. H. Pringle be given credit for $6.14, being error in taxes of Canadian National Railways.

Moved by W. J. Gollinger, seconded by M. Dupre, that the people whose names are on Engineer's list for keeping road open in winter of 1923-24, be notified.

H. A. WOOD, Clerk.

BY-LAW NO. 725.

Passed Dec. 15th, 1924.

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Rochmond, that the said Township of Richmond be and is hereby divided into (5) five Polling Sub-divisions and Sub-division No. 1 shall include the 1st and 2nd Concessions South of the Grand Trunk Railway, and shall be held at Frank Perry's house.

Sub-division No.2 shall include concessions 2 and 3, north of the Grand Trunk Railway to the old No. 1 boundary and shall be held at Albert Davis' house.

Sub-division No. 3 shall include the 4th concession, village of Selby, 5th concession and 6th concession, from part of Lot 14 to Eastern boundary, and shall be held in Town Hall, Selby.

Sub-division No. 4 shall include the first 14 Lots in the 8th concession to the centre of Lot 16, in the 7th concession; first 14 lots in the 8th concession, and 14 lots in the 9th concession, and shall be held in Scott's Mill, Forest Mills.

Sub-division No. 5 shall include all East of Centre of 16, in the 7th concession, and east of Lot 14, in the 8th concession and east of Lot 14 in the 9th concession, also 10th and 11th concessions, and shall be held in the Orange Hall, Roblin, and the following shall be Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks:

FOR DEPUTYS

No. 1.—Jas. Thompson.
No. 2.—Roy Grooms.
No. 3.—Lewis Innes.
No. 4.—Jay Doyle.
No. 5.—John Kimmett.

POLL CLERKS.

No. 1.—Frank VanVlack.
No. 2.—Jas. Haggerty.
No. 3.—John A. Grange.
No. 4.—Archie Richmond.
No. 5.—V. Woods.

ODESSA

The school concert given in the township hall, Tuesday night was a wonderful success and much credit is due the staff of teachers for their splendid work in training the children and pupils. Every effort was put forth to make the event entertaining. The programme consisted of plays dialogues, recitations, fancy drills, solos and vocal and instrumental selections. Mr. Corkill, inspector, gave an interesting address and complimented the teachers on their plans in beautifying the school grounds. For this purpose the proceeds amounting to over $90 are to be used.

Mrs. Ross Hillier, Toronto, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Emmons.

Nelson Kilgannon returned last Tuesday from spending the past month in Watertown, N.Y.

Mrs. Metzler and Mrs. McLelland, Toronto, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Metzler. On their return they were accompanied by Harold Metzler who is attending Toronto Business College.

Bernnard Oswald and children, Miss Marie and Master Buddy, of Mrs. Eliza Toomy, spent Sunday at D. Sheehan's, Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keenan, of Glenburnie, called on friends last Tuesday evening, and attended the concert.

The many friends of Stanley Snider will be interested to know that he is gradually improving.

Prank McCormack will occupy the John Kenny residence in the near future.

Arrangements are being made for a tea in the Methodist church lighted by electricity from the J. H. Babcock power house.

The many friends of Charles Summerville were shocked to hear that he passed away very suddenly Monday evening, at his late home near here. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from his home; intermeant took place in Cataraqui cemetery, Rev. I. F. Dixon officiated. To mourn his loss are the widow and one son at home and one sister, Mrs. Whalen, Kingston.

Sills' Motors.

Service on all cars. Work guaranteed. We are installing new work shop equipment, for time and labor saving, giving greater satisfaction to our customers. Genuine Ford parts. Formerly Lennox Garage.

TOWN COUNCIL

Dec. 15th, 1924.

Council met in regular session Mayor MacGregor presiding.

Members present—Reeve Graham and Councillors Burgess, Paul, Huffman, Jewell Simpson, Dunbar.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on motion confirmed.

A communication from Mrs. F. E. VanLuven asking exemption from business taxes on the coal yard on West street, as no coal is being stored in these premises, also a request that two loads of coal be weighed for 15 cents.

On motion the Clerk was requested to write to Mrs. VanLuven explaining the matter to her.

A communication from The Bell Telephone Co., re Adolphustown telephone line was read and filed.

A communication from the W. C. T. U. asking for a rebate of rental for town hall, was read and a rebate of $9.00 was granted.

The Chairman of Finance reported the Receipts and Expenditures up to the 15th December:

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	$2020 00
Printing	443 94
Market and Police	2154 78
Fire, Water and Light	7097 89
Streets	9159 44
Poor and Sanitary	122 00
Town property	1462 01
Insurance	56 65
Debentures	5710 48
Interest on Debentures	14453 48
Bank interest	694 40
Schools	23064 72
Board of Health	515 25
Contingent	2578 87
Market	558 78
	$76392 69

RECEIPTS.

Taxes	$75965 05
County	3616 30
Rents	147 90
Licenses	835 00
Debentures	1436 55
Debenture interest	5344 96
Fines and Fees	535 00
Market	863 95
Miscellaneous	340 00
Streets	415 25
	$99199 96

There is about $7000.00 of taxes outstanding.

The Streets committee reported re decorating. The cost will be about $150, the town to pay half cost.

The report of the Streets Committee was adopted.

On motion the report in reference to the allocation of the streets was adopted and the Streets Committee were authorize to pay the accounts when presented.

The report of the Town Property Committee was adopted.

The Poor and Sanitary Committee reported that while the expenditure so far this year had not been large, the demands were rapidly increasing with the cold weather.

Mr. Burgess introduced a by-law re liveries, eliminating from the previous by-law all reference to horse liveries as there in future there will be no license for horses. The by-law was put through its various stages and finally passed.

A By-Law to borrow $5940.00 to pay the cost of the Mill street sewer, was put through its various stages and finally passed.

A By-Law appointing Polling Places, Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks for the Municipal election was introduced and the blanks filled in as follows:

Centre Ward No. 1, Town Hall —J. M. Graham, D.R.O., W. H. Rowe, Poll Clerk.

West Ward No. 2, George Grieves' house—E. J. Walters, D.R.O., Wilfred Wilson, Poll Clerk.

West Ward No. 1, F. Kinkley's Residence—Damon Garrison, D. R.O., W. Higgs, Poll Clerk.

West Ward No. 2, Public Library—C. H. Lapum, D.R.O., O. Sculthorpe, Poll Clerk.

East Ward, Dunbar Robinson's Store—R. S. Wales, D.R.O., Geo. Knox, Poll Clerk.

The By-Law was read a second and third time and finally passed.

On motion Night Constable Cook was granted $20 for extra services during Chief Barrett's holidays.

On motion the use of the Town Hall was granted for the Santa Claus concert.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

V. Cowling	$ 4 55
J. Haines	72 50
E. Dafoe	30 00
Chief Barrett	10 50
P. Gleeson	29 00
P. Gleeson	6 00
Ezra Argyle	6 00
Vine's Electric Shop	5 60
Jno. Fennell	1 50
Jno. Fennell	20 87
Madole Hardare	2 00
Wilfred Wilson	3 75
Wilfred Wilson	42 15
The Fair	9 83
Express Printing House	34 50
Templeton & Son	218 70
Dafoe Hardware Co	1 44

The Chairman of the Poor and Sanitary Committee was authorized to pay some small outstanding accounts.

On motion the usual payment was made to members of Council for committee services.

The Mayor briefly thanked the members of council for their hearty co-operation in the business of the council during the year.

Reeve Graham expressed the pleasure of the Council to the Mayor for the harmonious way in which he has conducted the business of the council.

Coun. Burgess seconded the motion.

Coun. Simpson also expressed some complimentary remarks to the retiring Mayor.

COUNTY COURT AND GENERAL SESSIONS

The County Court and General Sessions in and for the County of Lennox and Addington opened at the Court House, on Tuesday, December 9th, at 1 o'clock p. m. His Honor Judge Madden presiding. The following cases were disposed of:

Hart vs. McFarland—An action brought by Rosie Hart against Harvey McFarland, for slander. The jury brought in a verdict for plaintiff for $225.00. Herrington, Warner & Grange, for plaintiff; E. M. Wilson, for defendant.

Coxall vs. Parks—Two actions brought by C. G. Coxall against Jas. H. Parks, for money advanced, etc. His Hnor referred the case to W. P. Deroche to take the accounts between the parties. E. M. Wilson, for plaintiff; Herrington, Warner & Grange, for defendant.

Hazlett vs. McVicker and Scouten vs. McVicker—By consent of counsel these actions were tried together. Joseph McVicker, a boy seventeen years of age, while operating his father's, Patrick McVicker, car, ran into the defendant's Scouten's car, on the Deseronto road, and damaged Scouten's car and injured Mrs. Hazlet and Mrs. Scouten. Judgment reserved. G. F. Ruttan, K. C., for plaintiff in both cases; Porter, Mueller & Payne, of Belleville, for defendant.

French vs. Callaghan—An action brought by Thomas French, John McCumber and Ross McCumber against Eldon Callaghan; for damages for the loss of a Ford automobile. Judgment against the defendant for $240.00 and costs. E. M. Wilson, for plaintiff; no person appeared for defendant.

Sing vs. Urban Snider—Snider was indicted for shooting Percy Clark, of Odessa, on Hallowe'en night. The jury brought in a verdict of not guilty, and the prisoner was allowed to go. U. M. Wilson, for the Crown; W. S. Herrington, K.C., for the prisoner.

GRAND JURY

L. F. Bogart.	Karl Martin.
W. M. Clark.	E. H. Nugent.
John Closes.	J. J. Vanalstine.
Chas. A. Gibson.	W. Vandebogart.
S. G. Hogle.	Foreman.
W. G. Joyce.	Wilfred Whalen.
C. A. Lake.	Geo. Wallace.

PETIT JURY

P. Alecombrack.	Andrew Magee.
Hiram Abbott.	Harold McCall.
Jacob Maine.	Wm. Milling.
Allen Burgess.	Geo. Nelson.
Austin Claney.	Stanley Peters.
Hess Charters.	Ross Paul.
Geo. Creighton.	Bruce Rescula.
Will Cranston.	R. E. Sexsmith.
Jas. Crawford.	Fred Switzer.
Jas. Davis.	S. D. Spears.
Robt. Denison.	A. Switzer.
John Filson.	W.D. Trumpour.
Thos. Fleming.	Thos. Tierney.
Roy Grooms.	Walter Uens.
Earl Howell.	Briden Weese.
Tim Hall.	Fred Wales.
Wm. Kehoe.	G. Vankoughnett
Jos. Laveck.	

DESERONTO

Mrs. Geo. Lucas, who was born near Eniskillen and Forest, Ont., is leaving shortly for an extended visit with her many friends and relatives in the neighborhood. Before returning to Deseronto, Mrs. Lucas will visit friends in Toronto and Hamilton.

Mr. Percy Bowen, of the Deseronto road has returned from a short visit to relatives and friends at Winchester, Ont.

Frank Fletcher will operate the skating, rink at Deseronto this winter and is now engaged in preparing a surface of ice. His endeavors last season were enjoyed by those who patronized the rink, and the announcement of his operations for this season is a pleasing one.

Mr. N. P. Taylor is moving his household effects from Oshawa to Napanee a which place he will make his home. Mr. Taylor is an old time resident of Deseronto; during his residence he was engaged in painting and decorating profession.

Mr. Thos. McGurn has returned to his home at Maryville after a week's visit to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Pitt and family, Queen street.

Speaking to Father.

She—"And now, Charlie, I suppose you will have to speak to papa about this?"

He—"Yes, dearest, I suppose I must." (After a pause.) "Has your father got a telephone?"

Drive Slow.

A notice on the main road near a town in the United States:—

Drive slow, and see our beautiful city.

Drive fast, and see our beautiful jail!

NAPANEE CURLERS HAVE PLEASANT EVENING

The club rooms of the Napanee Curling Association was the scene of a very delightful function last night, it being the occasion of the opening night for the membership of 1924-1925.

The Curling Club is looking forward to a very successful season, the membership being now over 100, with an additional number to come in, which will constitute a record for Napanee.

The evening was in the form of a social and get-together event, and was largely attended, the club room being taxed to its utmost capacity.

The earlier part of the evening was spent in cards and social intercourse, after which a splendid impromptu program of music was given.

The meeting was favored with the presence of Mr. Aubrey Pringle, an old Napanee boy, now a member of "That Quartette," one of the finest vocal organizations on the continent, who captivated the gathering with several beautiful bass solos. Mr. Pringle contributing to the program were Mr. Reg. Wiseman, whose solos were enthusiastically received as were also the solos of Messrs. Waite and Daly, quartettes by Messrs. Daly, Shannon, LaSalle and Waite. Napanee's new seven-piece orchestra, with Mr. Meggs, accompanist, made its initial appearance, and their several numbers brought forth rounds of applause.

At the conclusion of the festivities light refreshments were served and before departing all voiced the feeling of the very delightful function which they had had. All are eagerly looking forward to the opening of the playing season, which will open soon if the present weather continues.

Mr. J. A. Pringle, the newly elected President, who is one of the greatest boosters of Curling, in Napanee, and his executive, consisting of Messrs. Huffman, Marked, Wiseman, Daly, Maybee and Taylor, are to be congratulated on the great success that has attended their efforts in boosting the membership to its present standing, and also for the happy relations that exist in the membership.

THE WARDEN'S BANQUET

Mr. W. J. Milling, Reeve of North Frederickburgh, and Warden of the County, was the host at a splendid banquet in the Paisley House, on Thursday evening. Over one hundred guests were present, and all heartily enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Milling. The dining rooms were beautifully decorated and the menu well served and appetizing. During the progress of the banquet community singing was indulged in, led by the Waiters' orchestra. At the conclusion of the meal, Mr. W. Wilson, the veteran County Clerk, acting as toastmaster, proposed the following toasts.

Toast to the King God Save the King.

Toast to Our Host Proposed by Mr. J. S. Johnston, Reeve of Adolphustown; reply by Warden W. J.

Toast to County and Municipal Councils—Proposed by E. J. Sexsmith, M.P.; reply by A. Macpherson, Reeve of Napanee, and J. Hanna, Reeve of Camden.

Toast to the Province of Ontario—Proposed by W. D. Herrington, K.C.; reply by Hon. Geo. S. Henry, Minister Public Works and Highways, and S. L. Squires, Deputy Minister Public Works and Highways.

"O Canada."

The complimentary speakers of the evening were Hon. G. S. Henry, Minister of Highways in the Ontario Government, and his Deputy Minister, Mr. S. L. Squires. Both of these gentlemen spoke very interestingly of road matters. Mr. Henry dealing with the general subject, and Mr. Squires giving those present an insight into the regulations of the department, and the difficulties met with in framing an acceptable road policy for the Province.

Mr. Henry forcasted a gasoline tax for autoists for next year.

During the evening a quartette composed of Messrs. LaSalle, Waite, Shannon, and Daly rendered several selections to the delight of the audience.

Skates for All.

The famous Automobile and Alumo Tube skates. Something entirely new. See them.

WILSON'S HARDWARE.

DEC. 1924

Our Weekly Calendar

Moon Phases
New Moon Dec. 25th

16	'Tue.	How white and pure the earth looks after a fall of fresh snow and how soon it is soiled!
17	Wed.	The icicles hang in a row from the shed, Like fringe on a woman's old shawl.
18	Thur.	When the sun shines on top, with water they're fed, But the heat soon devours them all.
19	Fri.	They have caught the fellow that said Deseronto had They have caught the fellow that said Deseronto had the loafiest trees he ever grew again; The grasses all spring up and grow, That now are lying neath the snow.
20	Sat.	Yes, the other places took it up, and they've got him in the asylum. I thought he must be crazy.
21	Sun.	Each day let me feel I am walking with Thee, And without Thy aid I nothing can be.
22	Mon.	Spring will come with sun and rain, The leafless trees be green again;

WANTED—A LEADER

BY J. RUSSELL PORSTER.

The Montreal "Gazette" wants a new leader for the Conservative party to replace Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen who had failed to win several important by-elections, the most recent being Northumberland, N.B., St. Antoine, Montreal, and West Hastings, in all of which Liberal candidates were returned with large majorities.

The most notable of these by-elections was that in West Hastings, because the riding has been Conservative for twenty-two years, and therefore was considered a "safe" one for a party gamble, a vantage point from which a blow might be delivered at the King government. The sitting member, Mr. E. G. Porter, was willing, nay willing-more, to resign his seat to give Mr. Meighen a chance to get back into the House of Commons, and incidentally the prestige of Senator Gideon Robertson, who campaigned among the workingmen, suffered a severe reverse.

Hon. M. Murdock was attacked from every conceivable point. One of the most bare-faced stories told was to the effect that "he ordered the troops to Sydney during the strike" when as a matter of fact the troops were called from Halifax by a requisition signed by the county judge and addressed to the G.O.C., a procedure laid down in the Militia Act before there was a minister of labor in Canada. But in future it will not be so. The government at the last session had the Militia Act amended so as to make the Attorney General of the Province in which troops are to be used sign the requisition, and without the Attorney General's order the militia cannot be called out and the civil power. Here reason for his change was the failure of the municipalities to pay for the cost of troops. During a period of forty years the federal government was unable to collect but a very small part of the bill chargeable to municipalities under the original Act. Now the provinces will have to pay and this will make them very careful about employing the Militia against industrial disputes.

This all goes to show the utter absurdity of the campaign of lies circled against the minister of labor. But he was well able to take care of himself. There is no abler debater than Hon. James Murdock. He fought a great fight for decency and fair play and won the admiration and support of the workingmen in West Hastings.

MEIGHEN'S HANDICAP.

But to return to the leadership of the Conservative party. No one who has studied the House of Commons in session will deny the ability of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen. He is in his rightful place there, and it may be that his concentration upon parliamentary details leaves him little time for attention to the bigger question of politics in general and the welfare of the country. He lacks the support of his predecessors because there are men in his slender following possessing a wide grasp of affairs in any of the provinces outside of Ontario so that he has no one to whom he can look for an authoritative opinion. This is the weakness of the Conservative party at the present time.

There is only one Conservative premier, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, but his position has not been strengthened by recent developments, and while he might be glad of the opportunity to escape from his embarrassments by translation to the federal arena, he could carry little, if any, support. It makes the influential Conservatives boldly assert that the party in Ontario is doomed because of the failure to repeal the O. T. A.

LIBERALS GAINING INPOPULARITY.

Such being the case the immediate future is full of promise for the Liberal party, and Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King stands to sweep the country at the next general elections. Not only is he gaining by the blundering stupidity that characterizes Tory administrative leadership everywhere, but he has shown constructive statesmanship, and the farmers, driven desperate by their hard ships and forced into independent political action by the late Conservative administrations, find that he is as good as his word and can be depended upon when supported by them. He has been constantly gaining in strength and the splendid record of the government in economic administration and in legislation ameliorating the lot of the farmer, the consumer and householder, is bound to bear fruit in a new lease of power. There are substantial reasons for this conviction. In the first place the Conservative party is the natural enemy of the farmer and the friend of the protected interests. Such a position admits of no sort of working compromise with the farmers anywhere. The Liberal party, on the other hand, offers the farmers its active support in the attainment of all those advantages for which they strive, and it is only through the Liberal party that the farmers can hope to secure, in any measure, relief from the burden of taxation imposed in the form of high tariffs that increase the cost of everything he buys and rob him of the profit on his industry. This is not a mere assertion. The record of legislation since the King government came into power, proves conclusively that it is true.

Reductions have been made in the tariff every session affecting the welfare of the farmer, the fisherman and the mining and lumbering industries. The anti-combines Act was a splendid piece of legislation, long overdue in this country, and the government that had the courage to pass that Act deserves the support of every householder in the land. It was brought forward by the government to put an end to such rascality as the sugar scandal. Its passage was fought step by step by the Conservative opposition. Why? Because it provided the only machinery by which greed and avarice could be curbed and the interests of the people be protected. It is the first effective law of its kind put into operation since Confederation.

These are but a few of the salient points that call for attention. The drunken spree of waste and extravagance during the war with its attendant evils such as the profiteers, inflation of prices, the reaction in trade and general business depression, and the fact of which the Conservative government cowed in abject surrender, placed the country in a position that makes recovery a tedious process. The friends of the Government of the day enriched themselves a the expense of the country which was left saddled with a debt of $2,354,586,217.

FUTILE LEADERSHIP.

It is not so much a change in leadership that the Conservative party needs as a change in the ideals of the party. Such a change will not be brought about until there is a change of heart in those who dominate that party.

It must become a party with an ideal of service for the country and the people irrespective of class, creed, financial group or industrial group. Its policies have driven thousands of native-born Canadians annually to the United States to be partially replaced by a cheap form of labor from Europe, while those who remained in the country were permitted to be exploited in a shameless manner by the protected interests as preached and practised by them adding the tariff to the selling prices of their goods in Canada and forcing down wages far below those paid by similar industries in the United States.

HOPE IN LIBERAL POLICIES.

"The guiding principle as regards the tariff," declared Premier King in his last budget speech, "has been its revision in such a manner as will help to increase production and help decrease the cost of living." In other words, a reduction in living costs and a reduction in production costs. These have been, as long as the Liberal party has been a Liberal party the aims and objectives which it has had in mind in all tariff matters."

Further, he says, by way of emphasizing his idea: "Taxation is in the nature of a blight. Let it ever be remembered that taxation is a burden whether it is on the back of the producer or on the back of the consumer. The man or woman who has to carry it is a burden-bearer, and the man or woman who is freed to some extent is freed to that extent of a burden. If you free consumers to some extent you are helping, not the consumer only, but also producers, because you afford a larger purchasing power and ensure a larger demand for commodities which are produced. Similarly, if you in some measure, relieve the producer of taxation, you are helping the consumer because in relieving the producer in some measure of taxation you enable him to produce in larger quantities or the same quantity more cheaply and you help the consumer by having placed before him commodities in larger quantity and at a lower cost. Where it is possible to relieve the consumer and the producer of taxation you are helping all classes in the community."

Here and There

Of the 20,000 harvesters who went west this summer over Canadian Pacific lines, 14,000 are known to have returned east, according to C. B. Foster, Passenger Traffic Manager, Canadian Pacific Railway, and it is thought that many others have returned, while several thousand are believed to have accepted positions in the west for the winter.

An indication of the increase in the value of effects being brought into Canada by settlers from the United States is shown in the latest report to the Department of Trade and Commerce. From April 1 to September 30, effects so classified were valued at $3,129,333, as compared with $2,666,467 in the same period last year, an increase of $462,872.

A feature which will add greatly to the attractions of Vancouver, B.C., as a winter resort, to say nothing of increasing its summer allurements, will be the new golf course to be laid out there at a cost of $120,000, exclusive of land. Work on the course will commence next spring. Fees will be merely nominal, fifty cents being charged for an 18-hole round, $2.50 for a month's play and $20 for a year. Play will be open to any member of the public.

Immigrants entering Canada during the 12 months ending October 31, 1924, totalled 134,189, as compared with 126,744 in the corresponding period of 1922-1923, according to the Department of Immigration and Colonization. These figures are more encouraging in view of the fact that the number of Canadians emmigrating to the United States has to some extent decreased, while the number returning from the United States is on the increase, according to the department.

On November 29th, Hon. Marguerite Shaughnessy, daughter of the late Lord Shaughnessy, chairman of the Canadian Pacific Railway, performed the launching and christening ceremony at the Clydebank yards of John Brown and Co. when the new Canadian Pacific S.S. Princess Marguerite, named in her honor, was slipped into the water. The Princess Marguerite is the second of the two vessels recently ordered by the Canadian Pacific for the company's British Columbia coastal service.

An entirely new service between Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg, operating on the fastest schedule yet established for these cities, was instituted by the Canadian Pacific Railway on December 4. The new train, leaving Montreal at 6.15 p.m. daily, and Toronto at 9.45 p.m. daily, reaches Winnipeg at 9 a.m., 39 hours 45 minutes after leaving Montreal and 36 hours 15 minutes after leaving Toronto. Express shippers are especially benefitted, as shipments reach the terminal cities in time for delivery on the second day after leaving, instead of on the third as formerly. Passengers gain a business day and earlier connections for more distant points, on reaching their destinations. As the eastbound train of this service connects direct with the Frontenac for Quebec city, passengers and express bound for that point also gain greatly by reduced time.

"Sickness Stalked Into This Happy Little Home"

When Jim Harrow moved into his pretty white-washed cottage he thought he had reached the height of happiness. His wife and his baby boy loudly voiced their pleasure. Yes. Everything seemed to be "breaking right" for Jim.

But the happy days didn't last long. Sickness fell upon Mrs. Harrow. "It's just a pain in my back, maybe rheumatism," she said. But Jim knew how a previous attack of pleurisy had weakened her, so he called in a doctor. The doctor hinted at "lung trouble" and advised a complete examination. Jim took his wife to a specialist, who quickly confirmed the first verdict. "Consumption," he said. Husband and wife stared at each other in hopeless misery, but cheer was forthcoming. "Don't worry," said the doctor, "a year's treatment at the Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives will put Mrs. Harrow on her feet again; but she must go now—no delay."

A kindly neighbor is taking care of the baby boy while Jim is "keeping house" by himself. Every few days the postman leaves a letter which they read and re-read. The careful doctors all do their utmost to bring back the health that besieged to Mrs. Harrow. Shortly the letters will cease for Jim is almost ready to come back to the little white cottage.

Should you wish to have a hand in such worthwhile work as this, please send your contributions to Hon. W. J. Charlton, President, 223 College Street, Toronto, Ontario.

The Best Service

A store can give its customers is to provide the best possible **VALUES** for the prices asked.

We seek to do this, and it is our purpose to make you feel you can absolutely depend upon the **QUALITY** of your purchases here.

OUR STOCK OF CLOTHING AND FURNISHINGS MERIT YOUR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

THE GRAHAM CO'Y.,
Napanee Ont.

J. B. WILLOUGHBY, M.D., C.M.
Corner Dundas and Robinson Streets.
Office Hours:—2 p.m. to 5 p.m., 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Phone 307. 32-1y

Dr. S. R. McCreary, B.Sc.
Physician and Surgeon.
X-Rays a Specialty
10 Yrs. from St. Belleville
Opposite City Hall
Phone 1200

ROYAL HOTEL BARBER SHOP
HARRY SCOTT, Proprietor.
Everything Neat and Sanitary
Best of Service Guaranteed.
GIVE US A TRIAL

H. W. SMITH
Graduate of Ontario Veterinary College. B. V. Sc., of Toronto University.
OFFICE—Centre Street. PHONE 91

T. M. GALBRAITH
B. A., M. D., C. M.
Cor. Dundas and West Streets
Specialty—Diseases of Children
Office hours—Until 9 a. m. 1 p. m. till 3 p. m. 7 till 9 p. m.
Telephone—279.

The Order you lost —Who got it?

The opportunity was there. Did your competitor call up your customer by Long Distance, and sell him?

Opportunities used to come a-knocking at the door. Nowadays salesmen go out to meet them half-way—by Long Distance.

They tell us that about 40% of the sales opportunities they go after by telephone prove profitable. Such salesmen are said to have "telephone initiative."

A well-defined plan of sales by Long Distance, and salesmen with "telephone initiative" handling it, may be just what you need to increase sales.

Why not give it a thorough trial?

ROMANS BELIEVED IN OMENS

All Kinds of "Signs," Good and Bad, Had Direct Influence on Their Actions.

The ancient Romans were great believers in signs and seldom cared to undertake an enterprise without consulting them. Some persons looked at birds flying overhead. Others cut up animals, to see what "signs" were inside. For us most interesting of all was the custom of keeping certain chickens and calling them sacred. If some one wanted to know if a plan would succeed, he tried to feed the chickens. If they ate heartily, it was a good sign. If they refused to eat, the plan was probably given up. When a Roman died, food and drink were placed beside his body in the tomb. Animals were sacrificed, and milk or wine was thrown on the ground. This was repeated every year. If the relatives forgot, the soul was supposed to become evil and to bring bad luck. Animals were sacrificed in honor of the gods, as well as for the spirits of men. Pigs, oxen and sheep were the creatures most often killed. Flour and salt were sprinkled over each animal, its head was covered with cloth, and then the priest raised a large knife or an ax for the death-dealing blow. Prayers were said by those looking on. The bones and fat were placed on the altar and burned.

That's Different.

Times were hard and bill collectors came nearly every day to see Ole. This annoyed him very much. Every time a collector came he threw up his hands, shook his head and talked Norwegian. One day a mowing-machine collector called and found another collector ahead of him, also trying to get money from Ole.

"I've been working on him for nearly an hour, but the poor fellow can't understand a word of English," said the first collector, "so there's no use of wasting any more time on him."

"That's too bad," returned the other. "I wanted to tell him that as I was coming up the road one of his cows broke through the fence and is—"

Before he could say another word, Ole jumped three feet from the ground and shouted. "By yiminy jumpup, var she go?" and disappeared down the road in a cloud of dust.—Forbes Magazine.

Typhoid in Rural Districts.

Typhoid fever is almost twice as prevalent in the rural districts of this country as in the cities. This has been definitely shown by the figures gathered in the registration district of the United States, where the death rate in the rural localities was 9.6 per 100,000 persons, while in the cities it was 5.5. There are states, however, which show that an excess of rural population need not carry with it a high typhoid fever death rate. Wisconsin is a conspicuous example. This state, with more than half its population rural, had a typhoid fever rate of 2.5 per 100,000, which is identical to that of Massachusetts, which is almost entirely urban.

Fixing Radio Aerials.

The radio aerial repairman is here. Not to be outdone by those reaping the shekels in the golden age of radio, the lineman has merged a new job with his former remote occupation of repairing clotheslines in backyards.

For a small sum he repairs your radio aerial which may have downed during a storm.

"In some blocks I make more money fixing aerials than repairing washlines," he said. "The work is simple compared to climbing line poles and much safer. And you don't have to know a lot about science to fix the wreck."—New York Sun.

Gas Consumption Soars.

The daily average consumption of gasoline in the United States has increased 69 per cent in five years. During the first quarter of 1918 the average daily consumption was 7,083,000 gallons. During the first quarter of 1923 it was 11,883,000 gallons.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

BY REV. C. G. TRUMBULL.

(Editor of The Sunday School Times).

CHRISTMAS LESSON.
God's Gift to the World.

Sunday, December 21st.—John 1:1-18; 3:16-21.

Golden Text.—For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16).

It is well to have as our Christmas Lesson this year some other Scripture passage than the story of the shepherds and the angels given in Luke's Gospel. That is the narrative most often used, and is of unequalled beauty and glory; but the four Gospels are all needed, and John's contributes something found nowhere else.

John shows us the first chapter of his Gospel, that God's Christmas Gift to the world was Himself, the Word. He goes as far back in time and eternity as the first verse of Genesis, "In the beginning God created," says, "In the beginning was the Word..... the Word was God."

But what was who was this mysterious "Word"? The answer is given fully in John's first chapter, if we bring together verses 2, 4, 15, 26-27, 29-30. This Word that is God was made flesh, lived on earth, we (of John's day) saw Him, John the Baptist announced Him and told who He was, Jesus Christ, "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

So Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Son of Mary, his mother, of her husband Joseph, Son of Man and Son of God, the only Saviour of men, is the eternal God who was "in the beginning" when there was none other but God in existence. The Christmas message is God's gift to the world of the virgin-born Man who is God. None other could save a lost world. Without this Christ, Christmas would be a mockery. But with this Christ the Christmas message means that God has come to earth to be going to be changed into Heaven, and lost sinners are being saved and transformed into the likeness of Christ Himself.

John's Gospel is pre-eminently one that declares the Deity of Christ. Those who do not hear this first chapter should be closely read. They leave no escape from the glorious, full-orbed truth of Christ's Godhood—not a denatured "divinity" that He shares with men, as "liberal" theologians would tell us, but the unique, isolated, solitary Deity and Glory and that only the Trinity of the Godhead have. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Here is a vital part of the Christmas truth.

The Christmas Gift of God in Christ the more marvellous, that in order to save lost men who have no "spark of divinity" within them at all, but are "dead in trespasses and sins.....having no hope and without God in the world" (Eph. 2:12), Christ was willing to be "made flesh" and be born in the manger of a Bethlehem stable. And for this let us always remember, not primarily to live on earth among us, but in order to die on the Cross for us. Unless He were the Sacrificial Lamb of God, there were no Christmas in this year of our Lord, 1924.

John says twice in these verses that Jesus Christ was "full" when he brought "grace and truth." What does that mean? It means the very heart of the Gospels.

"Grace" means God's limitless love, stopping at nothing, going to any lengths no matter what this might cost God, to save lost sinners.

"Truth" means God's inviolable righteousness, God's unchanging justice, which cannot let down from its supreme and infinite standards by "a jot or a tittle," even to save a lost world.

So "Grace" and "Truth" are opposites in a sense. And "the glory of God" is that these opposites have come together in Christ the Lamb of God, laid down His life, that God might bring them together: "for the law was given by Moses" (v. 17), and the law only condemns sinners; it cannot save them. "But grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." In bringing "truth" He came to fulfil the law, not to destroy it (Matt. 5:17, 18). He kept the whole law perfectly. Then, because the law requires the death of all sinners (Rom. 6:23), He gave Himself as the sinless One, the Lamb of God, to die in the sinners' place. That is how far God's grace was willing to go in loving redemption. That is the Christmas message.

John wrote of this Saviour, "And of His fullness have all we received, and grace for grace" (v. 16). Can WE say it? Every true believer can. It is set forth more fully in Colossians 1:19 and Ephesians 1:22, 23. "For it pleased God that in Him (Christ) should all fulness dwell." And the true Church is Christ's "body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all." We cannot experience the joy of Christ's fulness in our lives unless we yield fully to Him as our Lord as well as our Saviour. As we thank Him for His wonderful Christmas gift of Himself to us, shall we not give Him a joyous Christmas by making the unreserved gift of ourselves to Him? If we have already done so, let us renew this gift to Him on His earthly birthday, and then go into the new year ready to live dedicated lives that shall bring Christmas all the year round to those who have yet to accept God's great gift to the world.

One She Ought to Know.

We were dining out. I am extremely shortsighted, and had broken my last pair of glasses that morning, and it was Sunday. As I entered the long drawing room, and the men arose, my host, Colonel Black, said: "Mrs. C, let me present Mr. Lewis" (the guest of honor).

As I bestowed my best smile on a tall, dark man who seemed to move toward me, silence fell, but the situation was too much for the fun-loving colonel—and he broke into laughter, I had formally saluted my husband in his attempt to pilot me.—Exchange.

BANK OF MONTREAL
Established over 100 years

Summary of
Assets and Liabilities
31st October, 1924

ASSETS	
Gold, Dominion Notes, and Silver Coin	$ 94,996,723.55
Deposit with Central Gold Reserve	14,000,000.00
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	69,517,496.89
Call and Short loans on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	118,188,540.98
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities	91,612,453.73
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	6,385,569.34
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian	42,392,715.21
Notes and cheques of other Banks	30,772,635.38
United States and other foreign currencies	650,833.09
Loans and Discounts and other Assets	259,515,557.66
Bank Premises	9,800,000.00
Liabilities to customers under letters of credit (as per contra)	11,003,562.70
	$748,836,088.56

LIABILITIES TO PUBLIC	
Notes in circulation	$ 39,306,908.00
Deposits	641,027,425.43
Letters of credit outstanding	11,003,562.70
Other liabilities	865,820.18
	$692,203,716.31
Excess of Assets over Liabilities to public	$56,632,372.25

LABOR AND LITERATURE.

Famous M.P.'s Acknowledge Debt They Owe to Books.

There is not a man who has fought his way from the mine or workshop to Parliament who does not bear grateful testimony to the part the habit of reading played in his successful career.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, ex-errand boy, confesses that in early boyhood he read everything he could lay his hands on—a habit which, with more discrimination, he has maintained through life, to his inestimable advantage.

"In fact," he says, "without books I should almost certainly have been in the workshop, doing moulder's work, to-day."

Rt. Hon. Stephen Walsh, Labor's first Secretary for War, who at thirteen was doing full-time work in a mine at Ashton-in-Makerfield, says:

"The youth is an omnivorous reader. I cannot recall any books that influenced me in those days, probably because I read so many. But in later life I was greatly helped and stimulated by Buckle's 'History of Civilization,' a work I strongly recommend every young fellow to read."

Mr. Walsh, it is interesting to note, is one of the few Labor members whose speeches are enriched by quotations from the classics.

Similar testimony as to the value of books is given by the Rt. Hon. J. R. Clynes, among many others.

"I was ill-nourished and overworked as a boy," he says, "for I was sent to the mill at a very early period of life, and, as a little piecer, had to work extremely long hours. Yet, tired as I was in the evening, I managed to lay the foundation of a store of reading.

"I read every book that I could get hold of, read feverishly, omnivorously, and with the keenest enjoyment. And the passion for reading, thus early acquired, has accompanied me through life. I cannot over-estimate the part books have played in my life; but it is certain that, without them, I should have done very little."

Shirt-Sleeves Banned.

The shirt-sleeves habit is not yet so universal in England as in America, but it is making ground, even in those Government offices where, not so long ago, it was most strenuously combated.

There is a story of one Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office who, observing a clerk walking along a corridor in shirt-sleeves, gave chase, and hauled the offender to the door-keeper to be identified.

Still more unfortunate was the clerk in another Government department who, one broiling day, entered his chief's room without a coat. This was the greeting he received:

"If it should be convenient to you, Mr. So-and-so, to dispense with your trousers, pray do not let any consideration for the Board prevent you doing so."

But these incidents belong to the days before Labor came to Whitehall.

Hard and soft cut wood for sale. 'Phone 53.
ROBT. LIGHT. 44tf

Empire Cafe
OPPOSITE CAMPBELL HOUSE
WE MAKE A SPECIALTY OF CATERING FOR PARTIES, LARGE OR SMALL
SPECIAL DINNERS
11.30 a.m., Till 2 p.m.
A la carte at all hours.
Ladies' afternoon tea served each afternoon.
Chinese and American dishes.
ICE CREAM PARLOR. CANDIES.
GEO. CHOW, - Proprietor.

Headquarters for
Genuine Ford Parts
A complete stock Dominion Cord and Fabric Tires.
Regular Grey and Royal Tubes—the cheapest in the long run.
Batteries for all cars.
WILLIARD BATTERY SERVICE STATION
General Garage Repairs and Painting.
Hard Rubber and Cushion Tires for buggies.
'Phone calls receive prompt attention.
Graham's = Garage
'Phone 218. DUNDAS ST., EAST P. O. Box 567.

Mistakes We All Make

The next time you hear someone say that the sun shining on a fire in a grate will put it out, tell him he is wrong. Just as we cannot see the stars or planets by daylight, the contrast between the firelight and the bright sunlight is not so great as between the firelight and the dim light of the dull day; hence the fire appears to be burning less brightly when the sunlight is on it than it really is.

This is one of the many interesting facts mentioned by Mr. A. S. E. Ackerman in "Popular Fallacies Explained and Corrected." Another cherished illusion which this Old Country author shatters is that the bracing effect of the seaside air comes from the ozone. The researches of scientists have proved this to be a mistake, since ozone is never present except in air more than 8,000 feet above sea-level. The smell attributed to ozone really arises from decaying seaweed.

A mistake which many housewives make is that an inverted egg-cup placed in a pie collects the juice or gravy and prevents it boiling over. The reason for placing an egg-cup in a pie is to hold up the crust.

Rooms warmed by gas-stoves are not unhealthy. Neither do they dry the atmosphere unduly, but care should be taken that the stove is not too powerful for the size of the room.

Moths do not eat clothes. This is done by the grubs that develop from the eggs the moths have laid.

The bagpipe did not originate in Scotland, but can be traced in ancient Persia and by inference in Egypt, Chaldea, and ancient Greece.

It is also a fallacy to believe that gravel soil is healthier to live on than a clay soil. As a matter of fact, when gravel has been ventilated and by infiltration with organic matters, it becomes "a very hotbed of disease."

Turning to the animal kingdom, it appears that owls do not avoid daylight, that cats see no better at night than other animals, that tortoises placed in gardens in the belief that they will eat up slugs and other garden pests do nothing of the kind, but feast themselves on the good garden stuff.

Ostriches do not bury their heads in the sand when pursued. A black roof to a dog's mouth does not denote purity of breed, and a beaver does not use his broad, flat tail as a trowel. Moles are not blind, although their sight is not brilliant, and monkeys rarely, if ever, have fleas.

If ever anyone tells you some story of an exciting fight he had with an alligator, take his remarks with a grain of salt. For alligators do not attack man. They are, too, found only in the rivers of China and North America. Crocodiles are man-eating, and it is confusion between the two species which leads to the mistake.

Adders, again, are generally supposed to be deaf. "As deaf as an adder" is a well-known simile. The sight and hearing of snakes as a class are poor, but adders are no more deaf than any other snake.

Cancer is not hereditary; brimstone and treacle is not good for children in the spring or at any time; and the good old linseed poultice beloved of our grandmothers is no good so far as the linseed is concerned (a sponge would do as well), the only virtue in it being the hot water with which it is mixed.

A mild winter is healthier than a cold one, and therefore a green winter does not necessarily fill the churchyard. It is a popular belief that it is bad to bathe in cold water when you are hot, but this, it would appear, is not so. "On the contrary, it is better to bathe in cold water when the body is warm provided no time is lost in getting into the water."

Postage Particulars.

A two-cent stamp will now carry a one-ounce letter to half a hundred foreign countries as well as to any post office in the United States or its possessions.

The countries with which the United States has two-cent letter postage agreements are:

Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, British Guiana, British Honduras, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican republic, Dutch West Indies (Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Martins), Ecuador, Great Britain, Ireland, Honduras, Jamaica (including Turks, Caicos, Cayman islands), Leeward islands (Antigua, Barbuda, Redonda, St. Kitts or St. Christopher, Nevis, Anguilla, Dominica, Montserrat, Virgin islands), Martinique, Mexico, Newfoundland, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Salvador, Shanghai, China, Spain (including the Balearic islands, Canary islands and possessions on the north African coast), Trinidad, Tobago, Western Samoa, Windward islands (Grenada, St. Vincent, Grenadines, St. Lucia).

Pat Beat the Echo.

Pat's command of language was wonderful, and as for arguing with him—well, it seemed absolutely useless, for he never failed to have the last word.

"Now, Pat," said a visitor, who had heard of his fame, "I'll bet you five shillings that I can take you to a place where you won't have the last word."

"Done!" cried Pat.

So the two went to a place where there was a famous echo. When they returned Pat was jingling his five shillings.

"Me boys," gasped one of his friends, "there's ould Pat beaten the echo."

"Yes, it's thrue!" cried Pat. "Och, but sure an' it was a job at first. The thing came back to me again and again, but I got even wid it. I spoke the last word under me breath!"—London Answers.

VOLGA VILLAGE IN AMERICA

New York Community Might in Effect Have Been Transported Bodily Into This Country.

Except for its one telephone wire and two automobiles, Little York, N. Y., might be a Volga peasant village transplanted bodily from Russia to the United States.

It has neither gas nor electricity nor bathtubs nor sewers; no water supply except a spring.

In fact, Little York isn't even on the map or in the post office guide. None the less it is a place to know about, if not to live in, writes Eula McClary in the New York World.

It is a village of pistachio and chocolate eclair houses, sheltering 50 peasant families with a total population of 500. Modern inventions are luxuries beyond the purse of most of the inhabitants, and the desire of the rest.

Covering less than a square mile of fertile meadow and farm land, Little York lies at the foot of Mount Adam and Mount Eve, beautiful hills of the lower Catskills.

The inhabitants, Russian-German Lutherans from the Volga river valley are descendants of those who followed Catherine II from Prussia into Russia when the German princess became the wife of the future czar.

They have brought with them to Little York the traditions and customs as well as the language and religion of their ancestors. Unlike American farmers, the peasants live in communities and work their individual plots of land. The village is situated on the hillside and overlooks the fertile meadow land, divided into variously-sized "farms," according to the affluence of the owner. The largest farm has ten acres and the smallest, one.

COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council met in regular session in the Court House, on Tuesday afternoon, Warden W. H. Milling presiding.

Rev. Mr. Terrill opened the session with a short service.

Mr. A. N. Lapum appeared before the Council, asking assistance in the care of his wife, who was injured by falling into a hole in the road near Centreville, on June 26th last. Mrs. Lapum severely injured her knee, and is still under medical care. Referred to Roads and Bridges and Finance Committee.

A communication from Messrs. Herrington, Warner & Grange, in reference to the above matter, was also referred to the above committee.

Mr. Johnson introduced a by-law to expropriate certain lands to widen Provincial County Road No. 54, in the Township of Adolphustown.

By-law was read a first time. Council went into Committee of the Whole on the second reading, and the by-law was finally passed.

Mr. Johnson presented a second by-law for widening a portion of the Provincial County Road in the Township of Adolphustown, which was put through its various stages and finally passed.

Mr. Hannah introduced a by-law to expropriate certain lands along County Road No. 11, from Yarker to Odessa, which was put through its various stages, and finally passed.

Mr. Loyst introduced a by-law to widen County Road No. 12, from Odessa to Millhaven, which was put through its various stages and finally passed.

Council adjourned.

Wednesday Morning.

The minutes of Tuesday were read, and on motion approved.

Account, G. F. Ruttan, Police Magistrate, $136.65, was referred to the Police Committee.

A report from F. W. Barrett, High County Constable, and accounts for expenses, $42.54, was read. Expenses of office, $60.74. Referred to Police Committee.

An account, Workmen's Compensation Board, re York, $15.00.

The Grand Jury paid a visit to the County Council on their tour of inspection of the County buildings.

Mr. McNeely presented the first report of the Police Committee, as follows:

That we have examined the report of the High County Constable and find it perfectly satisfactory. We recommend that his account of $42.54, be paid. Also that a grant be made the High County Constable of $200.00 for his efficient services.

Report adopted.

The appointment of the following members of the Mothers' Allowance Commission for 1925, Mrs. Wesley Wagar, Camden East; Mrs. Lillian Dandier, Newburgh; W. C. T. Loyst, Bath; J. L. Smith, South Fredericksburgh; Christie Kellar, Richmond; John A. Brown, Tamworth, and W. G. Wilson, Napanee, was on motion approved.

A request from the Sawyer Massey Co., for payment of balance of account, re stone bin supplied the County, was presented.

On motion Mr. Tummon, the agent of the Company, was requested to attend the Council.

An account from Geo. Vandewater, for painting and repairing Court House roof, $254.87, was ordered paid. Council adjourned.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Correspondence between the Sawyer-Massey Co. and the Roads and Bridges Committee, re purchase of stone bin, was read by the Clerk.

The following accounts were ordered paid:—Davy & Allison, Court House, $3.50; Thos. Robinson Co., Court House, $2.00; Davis & Coates, Court House, $36.05; Robt. Light, Court House, $3.00; Davy & Allison, Court House, $5.50; Mrs. Emily Loyst re Richards, $15.80; Town of Napanee, taxes, $2.71; Gibbard Furniture Co., 60c.; The Graham Co., $6.60.

Mr. Waite, Manager of the Dominion Bank Branch at Napanee, addressed a few words to the Council.

Account of Inspector of Prisons, Wheeler and Pybus, $29.28; Dr. Williamson, physician's services to Lennox and Addington inmates in House of Refuge, $195.00; R. Hart & Co., Registry Office supplies, $58.78; Township of Sheffield, re Margaret Storms, $12.00; Rufus Wagar, repairing culvert, $9.10; Township of Ernestown, re Peters, $35.00; Wm. Jones, $25.00; E. J. Corkill, contingents, $14.20; F. L. Hooper, supplies, $7.00; Boyle & Son, Court House, 60c.; Boyle & Son, Gaol, $64.30.

The various requisitions for Continuation and High Schools, were referred to Education and Printing Committee.

A number of damage claims on County Roads were ordered filed.

Account, Children's Aid Society, Belleville, $25.00, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. A. C. Tummon appeared before the Council in reference to Sawyer-Massey claim re stone bin sale.

On motion the account was paid, $210.00.

Mr. Paul asked for the yeas and nays on the above motion.

Yeas—Messrs. Campbell, Cousins, Graham, Hannah, Loyst, McNeely, Mellow, Patterson, Peters, Rogers and Young—11.

Nays—Messrs. Johnson, Milling, Paul and Smith—4.

The Finance Committee reported that the County finances will be overexpended about $3500. Schools and extra expenditure on roads accounts for the shortage.

A By-law will be passed to borrow $5000 from the bank to cover the overdraft.

Council adjourned.

Special Meeting.

A special meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening, for the purpose of passing a by-law to borrow money for current expenses. On receiving the report of the Finance Committee, it was found that the overdraft is so small that it would not be necessary to pass a by-law to borrow.

Thursday Morning.

A By-law to borrow $25,000 by an issue of debentures to pay the 1924 account of the Highways Department for the Township, and for High-way construction, was introduced and given its first and second readings.

The usual grant of $25.00 was made to the Lennox Teachers' Institute.

A report from W. W. Pringle, foreman of the Department of Public Works, re bridges built in the County by the Ontario Government, was read.

A resolution, expressing the thanks of the Council to Mr. W. D. Black, M.L.A., for his valuable aid in securing government aid in the erection of these bridges, was unanimously passed.

The Clerk read a copy of a letter to the Attorney General's Department, re office and equipment of Magistrate Lloyd at Northbrook. Also the reply of the Attorney General's Department, stating that Magistrate Lloyd was appointed Magistrate for but six townships he did not come under the County Magistrate's regulations.

Mr. Jas. O'Neil appeared before the Council in reference to a bridge on his property crossing the drain from Polmeister's swamp in Sheffield, which drains a portion of the Addington road. The bridge is in a bad shape, and the drain needs cleaning out. The matter was referred to the Roads and Bridges Committee, with power to act.

A communication from the County of Lincoln, re grants on teachers' salaries in urban schools, and continuation of grants to rural schools, was read and laid on the table until Mr. Corkill could be interviewed.

Council adjourned.

Thursday Afternoon.

The Police Committee reported on the account of Mr. G. F. Ruttan, Police Magistrate, recommending that the account be sent to the Board of Audit to be dealt with there.

The Roads and Bridges Committee reported, recommending that the Township of Adolphustown receive an overdraft of $1,000.00, to be expended on County Roads in that Township, to be charged against their 1925 appropriation. Report adopted.

A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Roads and Bridges Committee in October was read.

On motion the members of the Roads and Bridges Committee, who attended in the Department of Highways re Baird's bridge, were paid their expenses, $50.00 each.

On motion the Village of Bath was allowed an overdraft of $500.00 on County Road account, to balance their expenditures, to be charged to 1925 appropriation.

On motion the Village of Newburgh was allowed an overdraft of $250.00 on County Road account, to balance their expenditure on roads, to be charged to 1925 appropriation.

The Township of Denbigh-Abinger & Ashby applied for a refund of $35, for transportation of a cripple from Denbigh to Kingston General Hospital. On motion the refund was made.

The committee appointed re Indian Lake bridges reported that the engineer of Frontenac County had individual one bridge and presented pay list without Mr. Rogers' signature, which the committee refused to sanction. Later the Frontenac engineer completed a portion of the centre bridge and Mr. Rogers completed the structure. The report was, on motion, adopted.

Correspondence and circular from the Elliott Fisher Co., re recording machines for Registry Office, was read, and laid on the table until the January session.

Council adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING

On motion the Township of Sheffield was ordered paid the balance of their account re Margaret Storms, $15.00.

The report of the Grand Jury of the December court was read and referred to the County Property Committee.

The following accounts were ordered paid: Imperial Refuge, $58.00; Hydro Electric Power Commission, $12.58; County Clerk, Contingent account $35.07; Jackson Press, $7.40; Dr. Millard, $148.48; Templeon & Son, $43.80; F. Ford, $3.20.

A communication from the Moscow Women's Istitute was read and filed.

Mr. Campbell presented the first report of the Education and Printing Committee, which was read and adopted.

On motion of Messrs. Graham and Smith tenders for debentures will be opened on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Young presented the first report of the County Property Committee, which was read and adopted.

On motion the expenses of the Warden while attending the Warden's conference in Toronto, were ordered paid.

Mr. Patterson took the chair. Mr. Corkill addressed the council in connection with the communication from the County of Lincoln re school grants.

On motion the communication from the County of Lincoln was filed.

On motion of Messrs. Cousins and McNeely, the various Women's Institutes were ordered paid their annual grant of $1.00 each, as follows: Enterprise, Adolphustown, Maple Leaf, Amherst Island, Conway, Bayview, Napanee, Tamworth, Moscow and Croydon.

On the motion of Messrs Graham and Hanna, the Council tendered to Mr. Wardell its sincere appreciation of the banquet given by the Warden on Thursday evening.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Mr. Laughland, representative of the Ontario Agricultural Department, addressed the council on many interesting subjects relating to agriculture.

On motion of Messrs. Paul and Johnston, the Sawyer-Massey Co. was billed for damages and expenses in connection with the small stone bin shipped to this county in the spring. County's claim, $210.00.

The accounts of Victoria Industrial School, $91.00; Alexandria Industrial School, $25.50; St. Mary's Industrial School, $28.00, were ordered paid.

Accounts to the Canadian National Telegraph Co., $59.50; Bell Telephone Co., $32.50, were filed.

On motion the school requisitions were referred to the Education and Printing Committee with power to act.

Tenders for the issue of $25,000.00 County Debentures for Provincial Highway purposes were opened, and the Dominion Bank's offer of 99.53, the highest bid, was accepted.

On motion of Messrs. Johnston and Smith, the Township of Adolphustown was allowed an overdraft of $1000.00 to be expended on County Road No. 6 and charged to 1925 account, in order to place material on the road during the winter.

Mr. Hanna introduced a by-law to amend the County Road By-Law. The rest of the afternoon was taken up with the discussion of this by-law, which was put through its various stages and finally passed.

Council adjourned.

Saturday Morning.

The pay sheet for committee services for members of Council was presented and approved. On motion pay sheet was adopted.

On motion the Mothers' Allowance Board was granted $100 for expenses in 1924. Carried.

On motion the Chairman of County Property was made the usual grant of $25.00 for committee services.

On motion the Warden's account for telephone services, $15.00, was paid.

On motion the Warden was given the usual grant of $50.00 for extra services.

Account, Geo. Sedore, Division Court Clerk, Flinton, $8.00, was ordered paid.

A number of Division Court Clerk's accounts were returned to be certified to by the Inspector of Courts.

The matter of cutting a tree on the County Road between Camden East and Yarker, was referred to the County Road Superintendent.

On motion the Advisory Board of Agriculture of 1924 was re-appointed for 1925.

On motion Wm. Mulholland, Newburgh, was paid $5.00 for use of field during winter of 1923-24.

Mr. Burgess was heard in reference to expropriation of land for road purposes on Newburgh Road, and the removal of a drive shed. The Council, on motion, agreed to remove the drive shed at the County's expense.

The Warden vacated the chair which was taken by Mr. McNeely, and a resolution was passed thanking the retiring Warden for his kindness and courtesy during the year.

The motion was unanimously passed and the Council sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow".

The Warden resumed the chair and made a fitting reply.

Several members of the Council expressed their appreciation of the Warden's services, and Council adjourned.

Choose Your Gifts from the Hundreds of Gift Suggestions At McINTOSH BROS.

CHRISTMAS BOXED HANDKERCHIEFS

See our selection of colored Swiss Mull, with dainty floral design, three colors in each box at..... .75

An extraordinary and charming array involving a great variety of styles in plain white, embroidered colored borders and colored handkerchiefs at..... 2 FOR .25

MEN'S AND BOYS' HANDKERCHIEFS are also very much in evidence and the price range from..... 3 FOR .25

SPECIAL SELLING FOR THIS WEEK ONLY OF LINENS AND TOWELS

BATH TOWELS—Fancy white cotton Towels, with deep jacquared border designs in Pink, Blue, Mauve and Gold. Extra special per pair..... $1.25 TO $2.00

LINEN HUCK TOWELS--Beautiful towels of fine even linen in Huckaback weave, finished ends and pure linen. Extra special this week, per pair..... .50

LINEN TABLE CLOTHS—The famous quality that only John Brown, of Ireland, can make. Guaranteed all pure linen. Size 77 x 88, each..... $6.75

HEMSTITCHED IRISH LINEN HUCK TOWELS of superior quality and hemstitched and fancy figured damask pattern. Extra special this week..... $1.00

DOLLS

You never saw such a selection. Included in the range are:

Mama Dolls, priced from..... $1.00

Kidlyne Dolls, priced from..... $1.75

Jointed Dolls, priced from..... .75

Dressed Dolls, priced from..... .15

No child need go without a doll at the prices we are offering.

LINGERIE GIFTS FOR LADIES

KNITTED SILK OPERA VESTS in Pink, Peach, Mauve and White. Moderately priced from..... $1.00

KNITTED SILK BLOOMERS, in Pink, Peach, Mauve and White. Priced from per pair..... $1.35

BOUDOIR CAPS always make a nice gift. We are showing a large range, priced from each..... .59

MEN'S NEGLIGEE SHIRTS

Splendid quality woven printed and corded materials in these Shirts. Specially priced for this week at each..... $1.59

ENGLISH BROADCLOTH SHIRTS in White, Grey, Mauve and natural colors, with collars to match. Priced at each..... $2.95

MEN'S NECK TIES

A splendid range of patterns and colors, all suitably boxed at each..... .50 AND .75

SWEATER COATS

Plain knitted all wool coats, warm and comfortable, with shawl collar, in Sand and Brown only. Priced at each..... $3.50

CHINA AND GLASSWARE

We invite you to come and see our display. The prices will not stop you from buying, as they are surprisingly low.

ALUMINUM

Makes a very acceptable gift for the home and we can give you some real bargains. See our display and note the prices, they are right.

'PHONE 359 McINTOSH BROS. NAPANEE BRANCH

Job Printing

The equipment in our Job Department is absolutely the best procurable. We have everything necessary for the production of High-Class Printing of every description, and can give you prompt delivery.

All our work absolutely guaranteed.

ROUND 4 SALES BOOK FIGHT

WE ARE SETTING THE PRICES OF SALES BOOKS IN CANADA

Books are now selling at 75% below former rates.

Single Carbon Leaf Books 2½c. each.
Carbonized Duplicate Books 2½c. each.

Open bottom Styles—Standard size and quality. Folded Styles at slightly higher rates. Prices listed are for 1000 books, fewer rates on larger quantities.

E. J. POLLARD, Agent for

McCASKEY SYSTEMS LIMITED,
Counter Check Books, GALT, ONTARIO.

We also handle Loose Leaf Ledgers and all supplies necessary for Loose Leaf Systems.

THE EXPRESS PRINTING HOUSE,

John Street,
Napanee, - Ontario.

IF THE KING CALLS.

Rules of Etiquette You Should Remember.

In ordinary society, should one person call upon another, it is the rule, to return that visit within a certain period. But should royalty do the subject the honor of a visit, the rule is altered. Unless specially requested to do so, you do not return the call.

The late Mr. Stead once described a call he made on the late Czar of Russia, and related how, after a long chat, he felt he was tiring the Czar, so politely took his leave. This, of course, was quite against established etiquette. It is always the royal host who on such occasions dismisses the visitor.

King George has made himself one with his people. Sailor-like, he dislikes an excess of ceremony, and many rules which were in force in previous reigns he has relaxed. For instance, in Queen Victoria's time, when anyone was presented to her, he or she kissed her hand. To-day both the King and the Queen shake hands like anyone else.

But it is still the custom, when the King dines, that he is helped before anyone else, and that both he and the Queen have their special footmen to serve them at all meals.

In the old days the monarch's precedence put him even in front of women. It was King Edward who altered this. In entering a carriage or car he always stood aside to help in the Queen or other ladies.

You should still be careful, when in royalty's presence, not to turn your back upon them, and equally so not to sit down, unless invited to do so. The Queen herself has rather a custom of standing, and some of her ladies are said to find this habit of hers a little trying at times.

PICTURESQUE ROUMANIA.

Village Dwellings Built After Style of Noah's Ark.

There is a certain element of romance in the word, "Roumania." It suggests vivid colors, riotous scenery and gypsies in their gay and multi-colored raiment.

The Roumanians, it is said, like to be considered the direct descendants of the Romans. But they are no mind-makers. Ploesti, one of the largest towns in Roumania, possesses, for example, but one properly paved "boulevard," and this is only about a kilometre in length. Otherwise, the devious and dirty streets of this centre of the great Roumanian oil industry consist of an irregular but continuous series of ruts, potholes, loose stones, dust, and pools of water.

The villages and small towns are squalid and dirty, but even with their squalor, the villages, with their peculiar characteristics, blended of East and West, are most picturesque. Dogs, fowls, geese, and turkeys—even pigs—wander unconcernedly to and fro across the roads.

The towns are great poultry markets. The trade is in live birds and an animated trade it is. If anyday, crowded, and Sunday most of it is taking place in the Place or at the street corner, there is no need for alarm. It is probably only an argument about the price of a couple of squeaking chickens. Practically no dead birds are sold, except those that have mistaken the speed and direction of motor cars.

Of the oilfields, whose derricks dot the hillsides, all that need be said here is that they add nothing to the attractiveness of the scenery.

Village dwellings are built after the style of Noah's ark, and are set end to the roads. Walls of closely built fences and gates effectively bar the main door of the houses from the public gaze, and make an almost continuous boundary wall along each side of the road.

The smaller houses are very primitive in design, being for the most part constructed of light tree trunks, laid horizontally over a foundation of boulders. The cracks are filled in with mud, and the whole is finally covered with plaster. The outer walls are decorated with panels and medallions of varied design, and afterwards painted with distemper in different shades of blue, green and grey.

The road ascends past the boulder-strewn beds of streams, and the cool green heights of Sinaia, the resort of court and fashion, are soon gained. Then the pass of Tomos is reached. Here there are still shell-shattered houses that have been awaiting repair these eight years. Here, also, is that other sad memory of a futile struggle, neat rows of wooden crosses on the hillside by the trees near the old Hungarian frontier.

Ruins of Huge Volcanoes.

Although the hills of Auvergne in France do not rise to the altitude of the Alps or the Pyrenees, they have peculiar characteristics of their own.

They are volcanic, and recalled amidst great volcanic upheavals. The ice king may govern the glaciers, but here the fire king has reigned.

The Monts-Dome are one long chain of linked volcanoes, now as dead as the mountains in the moon. Nearly sixty gaping craters may still be counted. Even the Monts-Dore and the Cantal Hills, whose cone-shaped summits, the highest in Auvergne, stand out so impressively in the distance, are but the time-worn ruins of huge volcanoes.

All the country round about bears lasting traces of its dramatic past; beds of lava hidden by the fresh, green turf; dark pillars like the famous "Organs de Bort"; giant cauldrons; odd dykes that might be dusky Druid stones; "sues" and "puys" that might be the puniest of a fever-stricken earth—such are the features which given this central region a strange individuality that has been further intensified by the hand of man.

WILSON'S - HARDWARE

SKATING!

Canada's Favorite Winter Sport

Your pleasure in it depends largely on the Skates you wear. A pair of our famous

Automobile Skates

—or—

Alumo Tube Skates

will insure comfort and satisfaction. Hockey Sticks. Pucks. Give Skates for Xmas.

D. B. WILSON

'Phone 138.

F. C. MARTIN & SON

FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND UNDERTAKERS

Parlors and Office : Dundas St., Napanee

A motor ambulance has been purchased and is available when required, day or night.

Office Telephone No. 74.
Residence Telephone No. 375

F. C. MARTIN & SON.

Successors to Hambly & Ming.

24-6m

CLEAN-UP

This is the proper season for a general clean-up.
Destroy all rubbish which might cause fires.
Also be sure

YOUR INSURANCE

is ample and in a reliable company.
Consult

HARSHAW & SON

Insurance Agents,
NAPANEE, ONT.

Vine's Electric Shop

RADIO! RADIO!

WHO SAYS RADIO ?

We are the Radio People for Napanee and the surrounding country. We can sell you any good machine that has been put on the market to date. Also take orders for parts.

See us about a Radio Set which does not require aerial or ground wires.

Ever-Ready Batteries. Burgess Radio Batteries. Also Batteries for your flashlights, and lamps for same.

Then don't forget our electric stock of which we carry a full line of electric apparatus of all kinds, at the right prices. That Cosy Glow or Double Heater for the bedroom, the National Range which has put all others in the background, and our regular lines of Irons, Toasters, Vacuum Cleaners, Washing Machines, Fixtures and Shades complete. Lamps all styles and colors.

House wiring a specialty.

You can procure all these necessary things at

Vine's Electric Shop

Market Square, Napanee
'Phone 367.

New Paint Shop.

Mr. Frank Markle has rented the Symington evaporator building at the foot of West street, and is fixing it up for a paint shop, for cars, motor boats, furniture, etc. Tops and trimmings of all kinds. Work guaranteed. 5-tf

High Grade Pianos, Phonograghs, Sewing Machines.

Several Used Pianos at Bargains.

Ford Cars

Prices Right. Terms Easy.

H. L. VANLUVEN

Pyrex Glass Ovenware.

Silver Casserole and Pie Frames with glass containers. The ideal Xmas gift.

WILSON'S HARDWARE.

Poultry Dogs.

Are over but The M. B. Mills Co. are buying all kinds of poultry any week day, and are giving right prices. We want your hens alive, also your dressed poultry. Now is a good time to sell before the Western poultry floods the markets and lowers the prices. 1-c

PUBLIC NOTICE

At a special meeting held by the Chas. Stevens Company, Limited, on October 23, 1924, a motion was moved and seconded and, unanimously carried, to make application to the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Ontario, to cancel the charter of the said Chas. Stevens Co., Ltd., and close up the business of the said Company as soon as possible.

Any person, company or corporation having accounts or claims against the Chas. Stevens Company, Limited, will kindly present same at our office, Dundas street. Parties interested, not living in the town of Napanee, can address the Chas. Stevens Co., Ltd., Drawer 612, Napanee, Ont.

Dated at Napanee, Ont., Wednesday, the 19th day of November, 1924.

Signed, CHAS. STEVENS,
President and Manager.

51-tf

VanLuven

Since 1886

EGG, STOVE and CHESTNUT at $14.50

No. 1 BUCKWHEAT, or SPLIT PEA $7.50

A sensational price.
Quality guaranteed.
Don't take our word for it.
Get a trial ton and be convinced.
All Coal well screened.
Call 92.
P.S.—Come and see your Coal weighed.

INSURANCE

For Fire Insurance try
ALFRED McCUTCHEON,
Roblin.

A number of compaines to choose from.

Office :
Residence, Roblin, Main Street. 27-tf

H. W. GALLAGHER

The People's Auctioneer

My experience in handling a number of very successful sales has convinced my friends that I am capable of handling any sale and guarantee to give you perfect satisfaction.
List your sales with me.
H. W. GALLAGHER.
'Phone 10 ring 1-3,
Adolphustown. 11-3-m

Repairs.

Winter weather requires good boots. Bring in those old ones and have them repaired.
SEYMOUR BROS.,
Near Post Office.

Dr. Ralph Aylesworth

Eye Specialist, of Trenton

Will be in his office, at Wallace's Drug Store, EACH SATURDAY.

Make your appointments early.

Hours : 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. Write, 'phone or call.

Feed Grinding

On Saturday, Oct. 11th

we opened the well-known

WATER POWER MILLS AT MILLHAVEN

for Custom Grinding.

M. R. MIDMER.

Coal Maybee's Scranton Coal Coa

Office and Yard : on the premises of the Napanee Canning Factory

Anthracite Coal, Bituminous Coal, Cannel Coal, Smithing Coal.

We handle nothing but the highest grades of Coal, which is shipped to us in cars, direct from the mines. Handled but twice, loaded at the mines, unloaded at our yard, hence we give our customers CLEAN Coal.

"It Pays to Pay for Quality"

For convenience of customers, accounts may be paid, and orders left at E. McLaughlin's. C. P. R. Office, John Street.

Office Phone, 149. Private Phone, 164.

GRACE METH. CHURCH

A. J. TERRILL, B.A., B.D., Pastor.

Christmas Sunday — Appropriate themes and music.
10.30—"The Wisdom of the Wise Men."
7 p.m.—"The Wonder of it All."
9.30—Class meeting
11.45 — Sunday School and Adult Classes.
Monday, 8 p.m.—League service.
Wednesday, 7.45—Prayer and praise.
Christmas evening—S. S. Entertainment.

Second Hand Stoves.

A number of second hand ranges and heating stoves in good condition.

WILSON'S HARDWARE.

Live Stock Improvement.

A meeting to organize a Live Stock Improvement Association will be held in the Agricultural Office on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 20th, at 2 p.m. A large attendance of farmers is requested as there is important business to be transacted. 3-a

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. John Russel and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Russell wish to thank, through the columns of the Express, their many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy extended during the illness and recent bereavement of a loving husband and father.

Business Change.

We have purchased the stock of Mr. D. A. Garrison and have added to the stock a number of new lines. We now have a complete stock of choice groceries and provisions on hand. We solicit a share of your patronage.
'Phone 236.
W. A. MCMASTER,
Next door to the Paisley House.

A Great Christmas Gift.

One of the very best Christmas gifts and one that will be appreciated by all during 1925 is a year's subscription to the Family Herald and Weekly Star. It costs only Two Dollars a year and includes a large art calendar for 1925 with a beautiful picture in colors, entitled "The Sale of Old Dobbin." Each subscriber also has a free opportunity to win a cash prize of five thousand dollars in an interesting contest now in progress. Your friends will thank you for the Family Herald and Weekly Star as a Christmas remembrance, because it is the great weekly popular paper of the world today.

The Path Across the Hill.

A comedy-drama in three acts, at Anderson Church, by the Anderson young people, on Dec. 19th. Following is the cast of characters :
Samuel Crawford, Grandpa—S. Baird.
Robert Post, the visitor—W. Perry.
Waverly Conrad, Ruth's brother—V. Ackerman.
Dr. Jimmie Reed, with ambition —G. Chambers.
Salamander Alexander John Henry Jones, Zuzu's choice—A. Moore.
Mrs. Davis, Grandma—Miss A. Griffith.
Ruth Conrad, nicknamed Bobby —Miss W. Moore.
Flo Gray, Ruth's cousin—Miss R. Baldwin.
Lutia, a neighbor—Miss A. Neilson.
Zuzu, the cook—Miss E. Baldwin.

Fifty Years Married.

Forty guests attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vance, 473 Front Ave., Rochester, N.Y., on Wednesday, December 3rd. Among those present were ten children of the couple, who are : Chris., Robert, Roy and Gerald , Vance, Rochester, N.Y. ; Mrs. A. N. Snyder, Mrs. Fred Leaky, Mrs. Ed. Lashway, Watertown, N.Y. ; Mrs. G. Halloway, Syracuse, N. Y. ; Mrs. D. Balmer, Lyell Road, Gates, N. Y. Also present were brothers of Mrs. Gates, who was Wm. Bennett, Peterboro, Ont. ; Chris. Bennett, Carthage, N.Y. ; Robert Bennett, Watertown, N.Y. A wedding dinner was served to all and the couple received many gifts of gold and other presents. Rev. E. B. McGhee, pastor of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, attended and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Vance. On Monday, December 3rd, a reception was given at the home of their son, Chris., 300 Hawley street, in honor of his parents' anniversary. Members of Emmanual Presbyterian Church attended and the wedding march was played by a granddaughter, Miss E. Vace. Mr. and Mrs. Vance were formerly of this town and conducted a 7-cent store in the McBain block. Mr. R. Vance was the inventor of Vance's Little World. They left here in the year 1895.

GET IT AT WALLACE'S

DRY CLEANING

No matter how spotted or soiled your garment is, bring it here and let us tell you what can be done with it.

A complete Cleaning, Dyeing and Tailoring Service, capable of handling with care every problem of renovation and repairing.

JAMES WALTERS,
MERCHANT TAILOR.
NAPANEE

S. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

Services of S. Mary Magdalene Church :

Rev. J. H. H. Coleman, M. A., Vicar.

10.30—Holy Communion.
12.00—Sunday School.
7.00—Evening prayer.

PARISH OF BATH AND ERNESTTOWN.

Rev. W. G. Swayne, Lth., Rector.
SUNDAY, Dec. 21st. :

St. John's, Bath—
Holy Communion—11 a.m.
Evening Prayer—7 p.m.
St. Thomas' Morven—
Evening prayer—2.30 p.m.
Annual Christmas Tree, 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 19th.

GET THEM REPAIRED.

Ladies' Goloshes, Men's Rubber Boots, resoled like new. Skates and scissors sharpened on our new bond machine.

SEYMOUR BROS.,
Near Post Office.

Christmas Tree.

Switzerville Sunday School are holding their Christmas entertainment on Monday evening, Dec. 22nd. Splendid programme and tree. Come and enjoy a good time. Admission, Adults 25c, Children 10c.

Successful Bazaar.

The annual bazaar by the Ladies' Aid of Trinity Church was held in the church on Friday and proved one of the most successful in years. Though the weather was somewhat unkind the attendance was very large, and the extensive array of beautiful and useful goods were nearly all sold. The dinner and tea were well patronized and the ladies will have over $800.00 profit from the undertaking.

Beaver Santa Claus Fund.

The Walters' Orchestra have contributed their services for a "Santa Claus Fund Party," to be held in the Town Hall, on Friday evening, December 19th. Dancing from 9 until 12 o'clock. Musical numbers between the dance numbers by local artists. All proceeds are in aid of the Beaver Santa Claus Fund. Tickets : gentlemen, 50c. ; ladies, 25c. This is your invitation to come. If you can't come send your money so as to help along this most worthy cause.

A Very Pleasant Evening.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Clarke, Centre street, was the scene of a delightful function on Tuesday evening of last week, when the members of the A.O.T.S. class of Grace Church Sunday School met for a social evening. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a large representation of members present. The evening was whiled away in games, speech-making, music, etc., and during the course of the festivities, Mr. James Stalker, the efficient teacher of the class, was presented with an address accompanied by an exquisite Christmas gift. Mr. Stalker, who was taken completely by surprise, expressed his appreciation for the beautiful gift which the class had presented to him, and referred very feelingly to the cordial relations that have existed since the class was formed a few months ago. Towards the close of the evening a dainty lunch was served and all departed voicing the feeling that a most delightful evening of profit and pleasure had been spent by all.

Radiators.

Have that leaky radiator repaired and put in shape, before it does damage to your car. Good job done. T. Thompson, at Frank Kinkley's paint shop.

TRINITY METH. CHURCH

Rev. W. R. Tanton, Pastor.

Christmas Services.
Morning, 10.30 and evening 7 p.m.
Christmas music and Christmas messages.
The pastor will preach at both services.
6.30 p.m.—Organ recital.
Wednesday, 7.45—Week night session of the church school.
Friday, annual Xmas Entertainment in the School Hall.

Picture Framing.

We are now ready to frame your pictures in best style, at our new Picture Framing Rooms over Madole's Hardware Store. All new mouldings, best machinery obtainable, 25 years practical experience. Satisfaction guaranteed. Don't mistake the place.

A. E. PAUL.

Commencement Exercises.

The Commencement Exercises of Napanee Collegiate Institute and the presentation of medals, diplomas, certificates and cups will be held in the Armouries, on Thursday evening, Dec. 18th. A splendid musical program by the Orchestra and members of the Collegiate Glee Club will be given. Dr. R. Bruce Taylor, Principal of Queen's University, Kingston, will give an address. A social entertainment, following the program will be given for pupils and ex-pupils of the N.C.I. only. Admission, Adults, 35c., Students, 25c.

TO THE LADIES

BY ERWIN GREER, PRESIDENT
GREER COLLEGE OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING,
CHICAGO.

It is to be confessed, at the beginning, that my discourse is not directed at all drivers—but at a comparatively small number of motorists with driving experience which should have taught them better, whose handling of their cars leaves, in my opinion, something to be desired.

Ladies, I mean you. It is distressing to see even a mere man sprawled out behind a steering wheel, but far more so in the case of a woman. The woman who holds herself well has a way of making a good impression wherever she may be, and this applies equally whether she is driving a car or sitting at a dinner table.

Don't take advantage of the fact that you are a woman, because, though most men drivers will make way for you even when you are in the wrong, they think the less of you while they do so. And there are some men who will insist upon their "rights" as motor car drivers. Should you encounter this last named species there is likely to be a crash.

Don't think about the possible impression you may be making upon other road users. Attend strictly to the business in hand. There still exists in the minds of a good many people an idea that it is not safe for women to drive automobiles. Do your best to destroy this false impression by handling your car with care and consideration for others.

Don't imagine that other drivers will unnecessarily stare at you. If they do, it will be not because they are admiring you, but because you have done something that has made them doubtful of your ability to drive. Show them that you are mistress of the art.

Don't shave things. Leave that trick to the barber. Good drivers give other vehicles clearance.

Don't drive carelessly over wet streets. A hole full of water may not mean much to you, but to the pedestrian who receives in his face the water ejected from the hole by your tire, is a matter of moment — damnable moments. Remember the time that you were spattered with mud.

And if you must speed, buy a racing car. Those things were built especially for people who have nowhere to go and who want to get there in a hurry.

Now pass this little article on to friend husband—that he too may read and gain driving wisdom thereby.

Next Week's Article : "How to Keep Down Motor Car Expense."

"I, the Lrd, search the heart," Jer. 17-10 ; "My times are in Thy hand," Ps. 31-15 ; "My hand followeth har after Thee," Ps. 63-8; "His merciful kindness is great toward us," Ps. 117-2 ; "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." Matt. 6-20 ; "Trust in Him at all times," Ps. 62-8 ; "Cast all your anxiety upon you," Matt. 1129 ; "As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him," Ps. 103-11 ; "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need," Heb. 4-16.

O the wisdom of the eternal !
O the depth of love divine !
O the sweetness of that mercy,
Which in Jesus Christ did shine.

A BIBLE LOVER.

ASSURANCE

THOSE who employ us have the assurance that they will receive the highest degree of service and satisfaction. We are equipped to handle a commission in a thorough manner. Our services are dependable and polite.

MASTERS & TIERNEY
UNDERTAKERS
FULL MOTOR EQUIPMENT
AMBULANCE SERVICE
PHONE 38 NAPANEE

Wireless Hour Signals.

When a ship is approaching shore great caution is often necessary because of uncertainty as to the vessel's precise position. It was some years ago that it was first proposed that wireless telegraphy be utilized to send hour signals over the sea round England to a distance of 200 or 300 miles from shore, in order that the captains of incoming ships might thus be enabled to rectify their chronometers to Greenwich time. The government of Canada thereupon established a system of this kind at Camperdown, near Halifax. Every morning the exact hour is sent out over the sea, so that all vessels furnished with receiving apparatus may pick up the true time from the air.

Sandy Collects for Hospitals.

Holmfirth, in the West Riding, England, has a dog, Sandy, who has been making himself a name by his cleverness.

It was noticed some time ago that he had formed the habit of searching for coins and picking them up. The next step was that he was taught to put them in a collecting box for the benefit of the local hospital.

Now people give him their assistance by dropping coins before him, and these he picks up and takes to the box.

Sandy is sharp enough to remember which people have encouraged him, and so waylay them and solicit their continued favor.

Study in Comfort

Don't let defective vision cause you unnecessary discomfort and arrest your mental development. Most of us have defective vision—unknowingly. Be sure—Consult us. We will know. You ought to—for increased comfort and greater ease in studying. If you should need glasses, you need Shur-ons. A pair of the new Sheiltex rimmed Shur-ons are not only stylishly popular, but, the last word in practicability, as well. They do save lenses.

DR. LESLIE LEWIS

EYESIGHT SPECIALIST
Above Wallace's Drug Store
OFFICE OPEN EVERY DAY.

THE STANDARD BANK OF CANADA 1873 1924

A Joint Savings Account Is a Real Convenience

PARTICULARLY as a matter of family convenience does the joint account demonstrate its value. All funds deposited are subject to withdrawal at any time by either of the persons in whose names the joint account is opened. In case of the decease of one of the parties holding a joint account, all money may be withdrawn by the other. A joint savings account in the Standard Bank is a real convenience where two people desire access to the same funds.

BANKING FIFTY YEARS

THE STANDARD BANK OF CANADA
NAPANEE BRANCH—R. R. White, Manager
Branches also at Belleville, Camden East, Deseronto, Newburgh

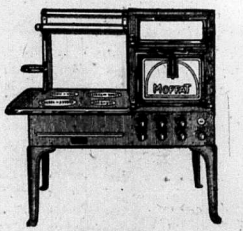
ONTARIO BUSINESS COLLEGE
LIMITED
BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO
(57TH YEAR)

This College is famed throughout America for its thorough training in Bookkeeping, Accountancy, Stenography, Typewriting and all commercial subjects. Thousands of successful graduates prove the superiority of our work. Write for free prospectus.

I. L. MOORE, Principal.

dec-tf

Moffat's Electric Range



Ask the Woman who uses one

Hydro Shop

WONDERLAND

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

The action of the latest William Fox production, in which Charles Jones is starred, "WESTERN LUCK" ranges from the plains of the West to the money centres in Wall Street.
Also a good Fox comedy.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

Those who have been fortunate enough to review "A SELF-MADE FAILURE," the J. K. McDonald production, have pronounced it one of the best pictures of 1924.
And a 2-reel comedy.

MONDAY and TUESDAY

"TRIUMPH," Cecil B. DeMille's first Paramount production since "The Ten Commandments." The drama of three lives—a rich man, a poor man and a girl in love with both.
Also a good Comedy.
Watch for the "Chu Chin Chow."

GEO. TUSTIN, Prop.

Bed of Human Beings.

Wonderful stories of unknown Africa are brought back by Major E. Alexander Powell, the American explorer, author, and war correspondent, who recently arrived in Paris after a seven months' visit to the Dark Continent, accompanied by his wife.

"There is one great tribal ruler along the upper Lualaba," said Major Powell, "whose highness is so lofty that he is not allowed to squat on the ground as ordinary mortals do. He sits on a living throne composed of one strong slave, forming the saddle, and another whose body he leans his back on.

I have been told that when this formidable potentate retires for the night, his regal couch is composed of twelve human bodies laid crosswise like a matting.

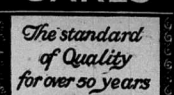
One night I witnessed a tribal dance in which all the great voodoo doctors from miles round were gathered.

"The platform of a rude hut made of tropical leaves supported a battered gramophone, which was set in action. The clearing was situated in the midst of thousands of wild banana trees laden down with the fruit, and to my utter surprise the first of the sacred dances was performed to the familiar tune of "Yes, we have no bananas."

BAKE YOUR OWN BREAD WITH

ROYAL YEAST CAKES

The standard of Quality for over 50 years



The Axe of Justice.

It may not be generally known that the law which permitted executions by the axe were not repealed in England until 1747. All executions of which we have a record were effected by the axe down to the last case in 1747, that of Lord Lovat.

Anne Boleyn's is the only case in English history where the sword was used for decapitation. She was not beheaded by the executioner of Calais, where, records show, there was no such official, but by the town executioner of St. Omer. This, it is believed, was a retribution, as St. Omer was then ruled by Emperor Charles V., whose aunt, Catherine of Arragon, had been supplanted by Anne Boleyn.

The burning of women to death was carried out as late as 1790, when a woman was burnt in front of Newgate Gaol for counterfeit coining.

High Prices for Heirlooms.

At a famous London auction room the wonderful heirlooms of the Swaythling family were sold under the hammer and were greedily purchased by collectors. The sale realized $5,400 a minute, and the total cash receipts for the day were close to $260,000. The total sale realized £450,000. Of particular interest was the Elizabethan rock crystal sword and cover, mounted with silver-gilt, with the Edinburgh hall-mark, c. 1575, by George Heriot, senior, which fetched $20,000. This fine piece was presented by Queen Elizabeth to John, Lord Erskine, second Earl of Mar, for the baptism of one of his children about 1567.

Parliamentary Customs.

Several points of custom and etiquette must be scrupulously observed by members of the Imperial Parliament. For instance, members may not read a newspaper in the House, they may not, according to the best authorities, even quote from a newspaper when making a speech, and they have to be very careful in the conduct of their hats, and to walk circumspectly in entering and leaving the Chamber. But the wisdom of Parliament has decreed that a member may be allowed to sleep undisturbed, unless his snores interrupt the proceedings. This state of comfort is, however, sometimes rudely shattered. In his later days Mr. Gladstone was often to be seen sitting on the Treasury bench with closed eyes, and apparently swept in slumber. But any statement made by a member which was not strictly accurate was sure to rouse the old statesman to activity, while would leap to his feet and demolish his opponent.

Thrush Nursed Mate.

The romance of a pair of thrushes in a London suburban garden is somewhat interesting. A bird lover who keeps the little feathered friends who visit him supplied what had missed a male thrush. The female bird continued her visits. Her appetite seemed voracious and every scrap of food was cleaned away. The explanation was forthcoming, when both appeared on the garden fence. The cock, however, had evidently injured his wing, for he was assisted to the ground by his "wife," who teaded him almost with the care of a human being. Appetite satisfied, she flew off with him, keeping close to his side giving support when necessary.

Brick

Special Prices to clear out the yard.

W. H. J. HAINES

TAMWORTH, - ONTARIO

24-tf

NOTICE !

HOUSE TO RENT

On east side of Robert street, near Park. Good cellar, electric lights, sink, bath and toilet.

Reasonable rent.

Apply to

Fred A. Perry,

NAPANEE

Opposite Campbell House

WHEN EVE ANSWERS BACK.

Mere Man No Match for Woman's Wit.

It has been said that the plainest women are the wittiest. There was no more popular figure in early-Victorian society than Lord North's daughter, Lady Charlotte Lindsay, whose ready wit made her friends forget the plainness of face and figure she herself so often joked about.

It was Lady Charlotte who set London laughing with one of her excuses. Arriving late for dinner on one occasion, she apologized to her hostess. "I am exceedingly sorry," she said, "but the roads are so macadamnable."

In those days women wits seem to have abounded in society. There was Frances Countess Waldegrave, who had been married three times previously, and took as her fourth husband an Irishman, Mr. Colchester Fortescue, who shortly afterwards was made Chief Secretary for Ireland. The first night that Lady Waldegrave appeared at the theatre in Dublin, a wag in the gallery called out, "Which of the four do you like best, my lady?" Instantaneously from the box came back the unexpected adroit reply: "Why, the Irishman, of course!"

Among witty women of the modern stage, pride of place must be given to Mrs. Kendal. "We hear a lot about kisses," she said on one occasion. "They are such a natural. To buy one is stupid. To kiss a sister is proper. To kiss one's wife is obligation. To kiss an ugly woman is gallantry. To kiss an old, faded woman is devotion. To kiss a young, blushing girl is — quite a different thing. To kiss one's rich aunt is hypocrisy. Kissing three girls on the same day is extravagance. To kiss one's mother-in-law is a holy sacrifice."

It was Mrs. Kendal who, talking of the stage as a profession for women, declared that to succeed on the stage a woman must have "the epidermis of a rhinoceros, the strength of a man, and the feelings of a graven image."

The written retort courteous was never better set down than by Ellen Terry in replying to the poet Calmogr. Alfred Calmogr and Ellen Terries had a slight tiff during the rehearsals of "The Amber Heart." The former having given the latter as "the lady of infinite charm," began his letter: "Dear Miss Terry,—The 'dear' is purely conventional." The reply he got began: "Dear Mr. Calmour,—The 'dear' is purely theatrical."

Mr. Seymour Hicks relates an incident about that witty writer, the late "Frank Danby," who first won the affection of the literary public with "Pigs in Clover." Mr. Hicks was leaving a theater on a first night when he met the novelist. Not having been present at the play, he inquired what the book of it "Only," she said, smilingly, "there were two good lines in it, but I don't think they were good enough to run an entire on."

Lady Randolph Churchill (who married Mr. Montagu Porch in 1916), must be numbered among the wittiest of modern women. George Bernard Shaw got more than he bargained for when he ventured to telegraph this reply to Lady Randolph's invitation to lunch: "Certainly not! What have I done to provoke such an attack on my well-known wit?" To which her ladyship replied: "Know nothing of your habits. Hope they are not as bad as your manners."

Another illustration of Lady Randolph Churchill's wit is provided by an incident which occurred one night at dinner. An English nobleman, who had been "celebrating" a little, touched one of Lady Randolph's hands, and, intending to pay a compliment, quoted: "Hands across the sea of Empire might have swayed." Their owner's sly retort was the completion of the couplet: "Or waked to ecstasy the living lyre" (liar).

Absent-minded Rector.

Many of the Ontario graduates of St. Francis Xavier College, Antigonish, will recall the numerous stories related about the rector, Dr. F. P. MacPherson. This is the latest.

The reverend gentleman now has his living quarters on the second floor of Mackler Hall. At the entrance of the building is a long distance telephone. Coming from dinner one day he found, as he entered the building, the telephone ringing. His answering the call, someone wished to speak with Dr. F. P. MacPherson.

"Well," said the rector, gruffly. "I'll see if he's in his room." He went directly to the door of his room and knocked loudly several times.

Receiving no response he returned to the telephone and reported that Dr. MacPherson "had not yet returned from dinner." He then retired to his room without even realizing that his absent-mindedness had again played a trick on him.

Eight Wonderful Women.

1. The woman who reads a newspaper without disarranging the pages.

2. The woman who reads the editorials of a newspaper.

3. The woman who never has the last word and hates arguing.

4. The woman who praises her friends behind their backs, and thinks them prettier than herself.

5. The woman who doesn't care a rap what her friends and neighbors say about her.

6. The woman who tells you her real age, and enjoys doing it.

7. The woman who has never been to a bargain sale.

8. The woman who doesn't wish she was a man.

Thanks.

Gladys: "My dressmaker wrote to Jim that she would make no more dresses for me until her account was settled."

Helen: "And what did he say?"

Gladys: "He just sent her a letter of thanks."

Insuperable Obstacle.

Mary Anne gave notice she was going to be married. Her mistress, slightly perturbed, said: "Of course, I don't want to put any obstacle in the way of your getting married, but I wish it were possible for you to postpone it until I can get another maid." "Well, mum," Mary Anne replied, "I hardly think I know him well enough to ask him to put it off!"

London's Meat Ration.

London's meat ration, according to what passes through her markets, is about 2¾ pounds per head of the population every week.

To Stamp Out Cancer

The savage, living in his wild, native state, does not suffer from cancer, says a writer in Answers.

But if the savage comes to civilisation, wears its clothes, eats its food and adopts its habits, cancer soon attacks him, just as fiercely as it attacks his white brother.

This, without any doubt, is one of the most important pieces of information which we possess about that terrible disease. Cancer is increasing in every country which calls itself civilized. It is not increasing among native races living their normal, uncivilized life. It follows that among our modern habits there must be some which are delivering us over to suffering and death.

What are these habits? That question is being asked now with terrible anxiety by vast numbers of people. So far, the answers to it have been confused and difficult. We have been told that tea-drinking, tobacco-smoking, even the eating of sweets, are the great differences between civilised and uncivilized man.

Statements of that kind do much harm by frightening people. And there is nothing to support them.

But at last real solid evidence—the kind of evidence which would be listened to in a Court of Justice—is being obtained. At last we are beginning to detect the true "cancer producing substances."

Mr. Ellis Barker, in his book, "Cancer—How It Is Caused, and How It Can Be Prevented," described these substances in clear and simple language. It has been proved, he says, that cancer can be caused in mice and other animals by applying tar to their skins.

But not all kinds of tar. Blast furnace tar, for example, does not cause cancer, however long or often it may be applied. On the other hand, gasworks tar—coal tar—does cause it.

Therefore coal tar is a cancer-producing substance.

But vast numbers of articles, including many dyes, are made from coal tar. Do these also contain the deadly essence?

Some of them certainly do contain it. Indeed, as Mr. Barker points out, this has been definitely approved in the case of creosote, and of aniline oil. Arsenic, too, is a cancer-producing substance.

All these substances act slowly. In the case of human beings, it takes years for them to produce a tumor. Thus, men who are employed in the tar industry often have "tar warts" on their hands for ten or twenty years before cancer begins to grow in the warts. The same thing occurs in the paraffin industry—paraffin being also a cancer-producing substance.

Mr. Barker calls special attention to this very slow onset of cancerous disease. It affords, he points out, a good chance to escape the disease altogether. A man with "tar-warts," for example, has had a warning to take care. If he pays heed to the warning and receives appropriate treatment, he will probably escape further trouble.

In other words, there is a "precancerous" state—a state of body in which cancer threatens but does not, as yet, attack.

So far, however, we have been speaking only about cancers of the skin. These are much rarer than internal cancers.

Do the rules which apply to the one type apply also to the other?

Mr. Barker believes that they do, and in this opinion he has the support of some of the most distinguished doctors in the world. He believes that internal cancers are caused just as skin cancers are caused—by certain poisons. He believes, moreover, that these poisons are contained in food, or are actually made by the body itself.

Nowadays the food of the civilized world is usually full of chemicals put into it to preserve it. Boric acid is an example of these.

Again, civilized men and women take too little exercise. They eat specially-prepared foods, such as white bread, which tend to produce constipation. Thus they are poisoned in two ways at once—by the chemical preservatives and by their faulty digestion and slow-acting bowels.

Moreover, their food is not fresh, like the food of the savage. He plucks his fruit from the trees, and has his nuts and other materials by any poison. He eats wholemeal, brown bread, containing the germ of the wheat. Thus he obtains those strange and secret essences called vitamins, which are so necessary to health and fitness.

The civilized man, "living out of tins," get no vitamins, or only a very small supply of them.

And so Mr. Barker believes that the civilized man, unless he takes great care, is bound to suffer from a kind of slow poisoning. Year after year his inside is irritated by chemicals, or by improperly digested food, until at last a cancer is developed. Lacking the tonics of fresh food and exercise, he is unable to resist this deadly process.

We need not, unless we like, eat chemically-preserved or chemically-coloured food. We can insist on having fresh and wholesome articles of diet. We can take exercise, and so assist digestion, and we can pay attention to those processes of nature which so many of us at present neglect.

Moreover, we can add vitamins to our daily bill of fare by eating fresh salads, fruit, wholemeal bread and fresh butter.

But even this is not enough. The time has come to put a stop, once for all, to the "doctoring" of food by chemicals.

A Real Model Husband.

Stubby Taylor's wife was discussing him with a friend recently, as is the wont of wives, and remarked: "My husband has no bad habits whatever. He never drinks, and he spends all his evenings at home. He is a model husband."

"And he never smokes?" demanded the friend.

"Only in great moderation. He likes a cigar after he has had a good dinner, but I don't suppose he smokes two cigars a month."

Dates.

Dates grow at the tops of trees 40 to 60 feet from the ground.

Parliament of India.

Under the Government of India Act 1919 an Indian Legislature was formally established. It consists of the Viceroy and two Chambers: (1) the Council of State; and (2) the Legislative Assembly. The former has 34 elected members and 25 nominated members, of whom 19 are officials, and the latter Chamber 104 elected members and 39 nominated members, of whom 26 are officials.

Bills must be passed by both Chambers, except in special cases provided for in the Constitution Act. In emergencies the Viceroy can secure legislation, return bills, or veto proposed legislation which in his judgment affects the safety or tranquility of India.

The Budget is submitted to both Chambers, and is voted on by the Legislative Assembly, but certain items of expenditure must be passed. In all cases the Governor-General-in-Council can act, and authorise expenditure, notwithstanding the refusal or reduction of grants by the Legislature when it is considered necessary for the good government of the Indian Empire.

Although the Government of India is independent of the votes of the Legislature and is responsible only to the Secretary of State for India, the Home Government in actual practice it is nevertheless, guided by public opinion as expressed through this elected body.

The composition of both Houses ensures very wide representation, and does not exclude important minorities.

Is Thrift a Lost Virtue?

The Scots are generally regarded as a thrifty race, but so far as Savings Bank figures show, England and Wales are in advance of the Northern kingdom.

Post Office Savings Bank statistics show over 10,000,000 depositors in England and Wales, with an average credit of £12 18s. In Scotland there are 560,000 accounts, with an average deposit of £16 19s. 3d. The total amount of working-class savings in the Post Office Savings Bank in the United Kingdom is over £268,000,000 in addition to this there are £106,000,000 Government securities standing in the Post Office Savings Bank to the credit of holders. If we add the £84,000,000 shares of the building societies and the £85,000,000 share capital of the industrial and provident societies, we have some idea of the extent of working-class savings.

"Not at Home."

A cricket story in which a butler umpired at a cricket match at the bidding of his employer, a certain peer.

"How's that?" asked the peer, on being stumped.

"Not at home, sir—I mean, your lordship is out," replied the butler.

Neon Gas.

The air contains some very rare gases. Neon, a gas used to fill electric bulbs required to give an orange-colored light, is so scarce that St. Paul's Cathedral, London, would only contain enough to fill a nutshell.

Built In 4449 B.C.

Two chapels recently uncovered close to the Step Pyramid, near Cairo, are stated to be the oldest stone buildings in the world; they date back to about 4449 B.C.

BY-LAW NO.

BY-LAW FIXING THE ASSESSMENT OF THE LANDS OF THE FARMER'S DAIRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

WHEREAS the Farmers' Dairy Company, Limited, are the owners of certain lands in the Town of Napanee, and have erected certain buildings thereon, and are in occupation of said lands and buildings for the purpose of their business, and

WHEREAS the said Farmers' Dairy Company, Limited, desire a fixed assessment upon their said property and have made application to the Council in that behalf, and

WHEREAS it is necessary, pursuant to the provisions of the "Municipal Act" that the by-law fixing the assessment, shall receive the assent of the electors,

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NAPANEE, enacts and it is hereby enacted as follows:

1. That it shall and may be lawful for the Municipal Council of the Town of Napanee to fix the assessment of the lands hereinafter mentioned belonging to the Farmers' Dairy Company, Limited, including business assessment, for a period of ten years from the 1st day of January, A.D., 1925, at the sum of $15,000.00 except for taxes for School Purposes and for Local Improvements.

2. That the lands of the said Farmers' Dairy Company, Limited, referred to in the next preceding paragraph are as follows, namely, all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the Township of Richmond, now in the Town of Napanee, in the County of Lennox and Addington, and Province of Ontario, and being composed of farm lot number twenty-three (23) in the second concession of the said Township of Richmond, and being more particularly described as follows, that is to say: Commencing at the northerly corner of the said tract at a point on the western limit of the Camden Road, three hundred and seventy-nine (379) feet measured northerly from the northerly corner of the Public School lot, thence westerly at right angles to the Camden Road and parallel to the northern limit of the Vine tract ten hundred and forty-two (1042) feet more or less to the eastern limit of a road allowance leading to the Grand Trunk Railway, thence southerly along said easterly limit of said road allowance thirty-six (36) feet more or less to the northern limit of the Grand Trunk Railway right of way, thence easterly along the Grand Trunk Railway right of way three hundred and thirty (330) feet more or less to a fence running at right angles to the Camden road, thence easterly along said fence six hundred and sixty-two feet six inches (662 ft. 6 in.) to a fence forming the rear boundary of the tier of lots fronting the Camden road, thence northerly along said fence, and parallel to the Camden Road seventy-four feet six inches, (74 ft. 6 in.) thence easterly along a fence at right angles to the Camden road one hundred and fifty feet six inches (150 ft. 6 in.) to the place of beginning, and containing by admeasurement four and six tenths acres (4 6-10) more or less together with a right of way forty (40) feet wide in common with the said Corporation extending from east to west across the northerly limits of the lands heretofore described.

3. That a poll shall be held and the votes of the ratepayers entitled to vote upon this by-law shall be taken thereon at the time and place and with the same Deputy Returning Officers and other officers at the holding of the next ensuing general municipal elections, namely, upon the 5th day of January, 1925.

4. On Friday, the 2nd day of January, A.D., 1925, the Mayor of the said Corporation shall attend at the Town Hall at twelve o'clock noon to appoint persons to attend at the various polling places and at the final summing up of the votes by the Clerks respectively on behalf of all the persons interested in and promoting or opposing this by-law.

5. The Clerk of the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Napanee shall attend at his office at the hour of twelve o'clock noon on the 6th day of January, A.D., 1925, and sum up the number of votes given for and against this by-law respectively.

This by-law shall come into force and take effect after it has received the assent of the electors entitled to vote on said by-law and after the date of the final passing thereof.

Mayor.

Clerk.

1st Reading—December 1st, 1924.

2nd Reading—December 1st, 1924.

3rd Reading—

The foregoing is a true copy of a proposed by-law that will be taken into consideration by the Council after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication thereof, which date was on the 5th day of December, A.D., 1924, and

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the day and places appointed for taking the votes upon said by-law shall be at the time and places for holding the next ensuing Municipal election and the time and place for attending to appoint persons to attend at the various polling places and at the final summing up of the votes shall be as hereinbefore mentioned in the by-law.

W. A. GRANGE, Clerk.

Electors of Napanee

READ THESE FACTS IN REFERENCE TO THE FARMERS' DAIRY CO. BY-LAW.

USE YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE TO CARRY THE BY-LAW SO THAT IT CANNOT BE SAID THAT NAPANEE DOES NOT KEEP ITS AGREEMENTS WITH INDUSTRIES WHICH MAY BE INDUCED TO LOCATE HERE AND BUILD UP THE TOWN

At the time of the January elections the property holders of the town of Napanee will be asked to vote on a by-law giving The Farmers' Dairy Company a fixed assessment of $15,000 for ten years. This does not affect the school taxes which are paid on the regular assessed valuation.

After very carefully looking into the matter, the Napanee Chamber of Commerce heartily endorses the by-law and urges all those who are interested in the progress of our town to vote and work in favor of it.

Some of the main items of local expenditure of The Farmers' Dairy Company are as follows :—

From December 1st, 1923 to December 1st 1924.

Wages	$ 33,200 00
Water from the town	4,761 82
Canadian National Railways	28,487 22
Customs	4,002 17
Hydro-Electric	1,998 19
Milk and Hauling	506,235 06
Total	$579,584 46

Some Local Expenditures from 1920 to 1924 :

Wages	$127,825 00
Water from the Town	10,820 00
Canadian National Railways	83,000 00
Customs	17,800 00
Milk and Hauling	1,426,296 00
Total	$1,665,241 00

A few of the reasons why you should vote for the By-law are as follows :—

1st—When the town Council of 1919 induced this Company to locate in Napanee, they promised them that the people of Napanee would give them a fair deal and assured them that a fixed assessment would be granted them. If the people do not back up the officials of the town in fulfilling their promise, there can be no forward movement for Napanee. We cannot expect to induce other industries to locate in our town if we fail to honor the pledge given by the Council to the Farmers' Dairy Company in 1919.

2nd—An all year around market for the farmer's milk has been opened up by the Farmers' Dairy. It is no longer a six or eight months market. Dairy products are higher in the winter and opportunity is given the farmers to share in this added and increased market.

3rd—The land that is now occupied by The Farmers' Dairy Company formerly brought in less than $25.00 taxes. With a fixed assesment of $15,000.00 the Farmers' Dairy Company taxes last year would have been $1140.00.

4th—The Farmers' Dairy Company paid directly into our waterworks system this past year $4,761.82 and it cost the town very little more to pump the extra water used by them. You will see, therefore, that they are helping to a large extent to pay for your waterworks plant.

5th—As high as 40 men are employed at the plant at one time, about 25 the year around, with wages this last year of $33,200.00 paid to them. A goodly number of these men own their own homes or rent them, thus extra taxes are paid and property is made more valuable.

6th—The large amount paid the Canadian National Railways for expressage etc., by the Company ($28,487.22 this year) gives the Railway an added interest in our town.

7th—In the summer months there are 34 milk drawing routes, besides a considerable number drawing their own milk. In winter there are approximately 150 men coming to this factory daily with milk.

This Company has another milk powder plant at Sydenham where the township has already given them a fixed assessment of $10,000. The plant there cost approximately $200,000.00 to build. The Company is a large going concern, strong financially and growing all the time, just such a concern that other municipalities are seeking. If The Farmers' Dairy Company decided to close up their factory here and move elsewhere, it would be the greatest setback Napanee has known for years. Would it not be far better to make the officers of the Farmers' Dairy Company feel that Napanee has been a splendid location for them and have them tell other financial men what splendid possibilities there are in Napanee.

We understand that the Company has recently concluded a very large contract for milk powder to be marketed in Europe, thus insuring in the future a very large demand for milk.

Finally :—Napanee's expenses are practically fixed. We have certain debentures for sewers, sidewalks, waterworks, etc., which must be paid each year, the cost of fire protection, the cost of Police and clerical work, the cost of street lighting are all the same whether the Farmers' Dairy Company are here or not. Is it not very much to the advantage of the Farmers' Dairy Company to have them here, paying directly into the town's finances about $6,000 per year.

If they were not here that $6,000 would be divided up among the other tax payers, and there would be fewer tax payers to meet it.

It is generally conceded that we have turned the corner in the business world and coupled with this fact is the growing tendency of large industrial firms to locate in towns like Napanee. If we as a town are to move forward, let us be fair to the industries we have to-day and by so doing protect our own interests in the matter of taxes, and place ourselves in line for new industrial developments.

WE URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE BY-LAW YOURSELF AND DO ALL YOU CAN TO INDUCE ALL YOUR FRIENDS WHO HAVE A VOTE ON THIS QUESTION, TO MARK IT IN FAVOR OF THIS BY-LAW ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 1925.

Signed,

J. W. ROBINSON
W. J. WIGGINS
G. MORDEN
F. JAS. ROBLIN
P. GLEESON
L. BOYES
W. J. DOLLER
R. H. WHITE

Executive Committee of the Board of Commerce.

Vote for the By-Law

SPANISH DOUBLOONS

By CAMILLA KENYON

Pictures by A. WELLS

COPYRIGHT THE BOBBS-MERRILL COMPANY

CHAPTER I.

An Aunt Errant.

Never had life seemed more fair and smiling than at the moment when Aunt Jane's letter descended upon me like a bolt from the blue. The fact is, I was taking a vacation from Aunt Jane. Being an orphan, I was supposed to be under Aunt Jane's wing, but this was the merest polite fiction, and I am sure that no hen with one chicken worries about it more than I did about Aunt Jane. I had spent the last three years, since Aunt Susan died and left Aunt Jane with all the money and no one to look after but me, in snatching her from the brink of disaster. Her most recent and narrow escape was from a velvet-tongued person of half her years who turned out to be a convict on parole. She had her handbag packed for the elopement when I confronted her with this unpleasant fact. When she came to she was bitter instead of grateful, and went about for weeks presenting a spectacle of blighted affections which was too much for the most self-approving conscience. So it ended with my packing her off to New York, where I wrote to her frequently and kindly, urging her not to mind me but to stay as long as she liked.

Meanwhile I came up to the ranch for a long holiday with Bess and the baby, a holiday which had already stretched itself out to Thanksgiving, and threatened to last until Christmas.

As to Aunt Jane, my state of mind was fatuously calm. She was staying with cousins, who live in a suburb and are frightfully respectable. I was sure they numbered no convicts among their acquaintance, or indeed any one from whom Aunt Jane was likely to require rescuing. And if it came to a retired missionary I was perfectly willing.

But the cousins and their respectability are of the passive order, whereas to manage Aunt Jane demands aggressive and continuous action. Hence the bolt from the blue above alluded to.

I was swinging tranquilly in the hammock, I remember, when Bess brought my letters and then hurried away because the baby had fallen downstairs. Unwarned by the slightest premonitory thrill, I kept Aunt Jane's letter till the last and skimmed through all the others.

At last I came to Aunt Jane. I ripped open the envelope and drew out the letter—a fat one, but then Aunt Jane's letters are always fat. Nevertheless, as I spread out the close-filled pages I felt a mild wonder. Writing so large, so black, so staggering, so madly underlined, must indicate something above even Aunt Jane's usual emotional level. Perhaps the sober truth there was a missionary—

Twenty minutes later I staggered into Bess' room.

"Hush!" she said. "Don't wake the baby!"

"Baby or no baby," I whispered savagely, "I've got to have a time-table. I leave for the city tonight to catch the first steamer for Panama!"

Later, while the baby slumbered and I packed, I explained. This was difficult; not that Bess is as a general thing obtuse, but because the picture of Aunt Jane embarking for some wild, lone isle of the Pacific at the head of a treasure-seeking expedition was enough to shake the strongest intellect. And yet, amid the welter of ink and eloquence which filled those fateful pages, there was the cold hard fact confronting you. Aunt Jane was going to look for buried treasure, in company with one Violet Higglesby-Browne, whom she sprung on you without the slightest explanation, although alluding to the queen of Sheba or the Siamese twins. By beginning at the end and reading backward—Aunt Jane's letters are usually most intelligible that way—you managed to piece together some explanation of this Miss Higglesby-Browne and her place in the scheme of things. It was through Miss Browne, whom she had met at a lecture upon Spiritual Development, that Aunt Jane had come to realize her claims as an Individual upon the Cosmos, also to discover that she was by nature a woman of affairs with a talent for directing large enterprises, although adverse influences had hitherto kept her from recognizing her powers. There was a dark significance in these "adverse influences," though whether they meant me or the family lawyer I was not sure.

Miss Higglesby-Browne, however, had assisted Aunt Jane to find herself, and as a consequence Aunt Jane, for the contentedly trifling outlay needful to finance the Harding-Browne expedition, would share in the richer one-fourth of a vast treasure of Spanish doubloons. The knowledge of this hoard was Miss Higglesby-Browne's alone. It had been revealed to her by a dying sailor in a London hospital, whither she had gone on a mission of kindness—you gathered that Miss Browne was precisely the sort to take advantage when people were helpless and unable to fly from her. Why the dying sailor chose to make Miss Browne the repository of his secret, I don't know—this still remains for me the unsolved mystery. First when the sailor closed his eyes the secret and the map—of course there was a map—had become Miss Browne's now had clear before her the road to fortune, but unfortunately it led across the sea and quite out of the route of steamer travel. Capital in excess of Miss Browne's resources was required. London printing cold before its great opportunity. Miss Browne had shaken off its dust and come to New York, where a mysteriously potent influence had guided her to Aunt Jane. Through Miss Browne's great organizing abilities, not to speak of those newly brought to light in Aunt Jane, a party of staunch comrades had been assembled, a steamer engaged to meet them at Panama, and it was ho, for the island in the blue Pacific main!

With this lyrical outburst Aunt Jane concluded the body of her letter. A small cramped postscript informed me that it was against Miss H.-B.'s wishes that she revealed their plans to anyone, but that she did want to hear from me before they sailed from Panama, where a letter might reach her if I was prompt.

"And of course," I explained to Bess as I hurried things into my bags, "if a letter can reach her so can I. At least I must take the chance of it. What those people are up to I don't know—probably they mean to hold her for ransom and murder her outright if it is not forthcoming. Or perhaps some of them will marry her and share the spoils with Miss Higglesby-Browne.

"I Must Get to Panama in Time to Save Her."

Anyway, I must get to Panama in time to save her."

"Or you might go along to the island," suggested Bess.

I paused to glare at her.

"Bess! And let them murder me, too?"

"Or marry you—" cooed Bess.

One month later I was climbing out of a lumbering hack before the Tivoli hotel, which rises square and white and imposing on the low green height above the old Spanish city of Panama. In spite of the melting tropical heat there was a chill fear at my heart, the fear that Aunt Jane and her band of treasure-seekers had already departed on their quest.

I crossed the broad gallery and plunged into the cool dimness of the lobby in the wake of the bellboys who, discerning a helpless prey, had swooped en masse upon my bags.

"Miss Jane Harding?" repeated the clerk, and at the cool negation of his tone my heart gave a sickening downward swoop. "Miss Jane Harding and party have left the hotel!"

"For—the island?" I gasped.

He raised his eyebrows. "Can't say. I'm sure." He gave me an appraising stare. Perhaps the woe in my face touched him, for he descended from the eminence of the hotel clerk where he dwelt apart sufficiently to add, "Is it important that you should see her?"

"I am her niece. I have come all the way from San Francisco expecting to join her here."

The clerk meditated, his shrewd eyes piercing the very secrets of my soul.

"She knew nothing about it," I hastened to add. "I intended it for a surprise."

This candor helped my cause. "Well," he said, "that explains her not leaving any word. As you are her niece, I suppose it will do no harm to tell you that Miss Harding and her party embarked this morning on the freighter Rufus Smith, and I think it very likely that the steamer has not left port. If you like I will send a man to the water-front with you and you may be able to go on board and have a talk with your aunt."

Did I think him? I have often wondered when I waked up in the night. I have a vision of myself dashing out of the hotel, and then the hack that brought me is bearing me away. Bellboys buried my bags in after me, and I threw them largess recklessly. Madly we clattered over cobbled ways. Out on the smooth waters of the roadstead lay small, great and small, ships with stripped masts and smokeless funnels, others with faint gray spirals wreathing upward from their stacks. Was one of these the Rufus Smith, and would I reach her—or him—before the thin gray feather became a thick black plume? I thought of my aunt at the mercy of these unknown adventurers with whom she had set forth, helpless as a little fat pigeon among hawks, and I felt, desperately, that I must reach her, must save her from them and bring her safe back to shore. How I was to do this at the eleventh hour, plus about fifty-seven minutes, as at present, I hadn't considered. But experience had taught me that even in my earliest efforts Jane would offer about as much resistance as a slightly melted wax doll. She gets so soft that you are almost afraid to touch her for fear of leaving dents.

So to get there, get there, get there, was the one prayer of my soul.

I got there, in a boat hastily commandeered by the hotel clerk's deputy. We came under the stern of the little steamer, and the wide surprised face of a Swedish deckhand stared down at us.

"Let me aboard! I must come aboard," I cried.

Other faces appeared, then a rope-ladder. Somehow I was mounting it—a dizzy feat to which only the tumult of my emotions made me indifferent. Bare brawny arms of sailors clutched at me and drew me to the deck. There at once I was the center of a circle of speechless and astonished persons, Jane's not one.

"Well?" demanded a large breezy voice. "What's this mean? What do you want aboard my ship?"

I looked up at a red-faced man in a large straw hat.

"I want my aunt," I explained.

"Your aunt?" he roared. "Why the devil should you think I've got your aunt?"

"You have got her," I replied with firmness. "I don't see her, but she's here somewhere."

The captain of the Rufus Smith shook two large red fists above his head.

"Another lunatic!" he shouted. "I'd as soon have a white horse and a minister aboard as go to sea in a floating bedlam!"

As the captain's angry thunder died away came the small, anxious voice of Aunt Jane.

"What's the matter? Oh, please tell me what's the matter!" she was saying as she edged her way into the group. Her eyes, round, pale, blinking a little in the tropical glare, roved over the circle until they lit on me. Right where she stood Aunt Jane petrified. Her poor little chin dropped until it disappeared altogether in the folds of her plump neck, and she remained speechless, stricken, immobile as a wax figure in an exhibition.

"Aunt Jane," I said, "you must come right back to shore with me." I spoke calmly, for unless you are perfectly calm with Aunt Jane you fluster her. She replied only by a slight gobbling in her throat, but the other woman spoke in a loud voice, addressed not to me but to the universe in general.

"The Young Person is mad!" It was an unmistakably British intonation.

This, then, was Miss Violet Higglesby-Browne. I saw a grim, bony, stocky shape, in a compromising costume to my aunt's. Around the edges of her cork helmet her short iron-gray hair visibly bristled. She had a massive head, and a seamed and rugged countenance which did its best to live down the humiliation of a ridiculous little nose with no bridge.

But what riveted my eyes was the deadly glare with which hers were turned on me. I saw that she only was she as certain of my identity as though she had guided me from my first tottering steps, but that in a flash she had grasped my motives, aims and purposes, and meant once for all to face, out-general and defeat me with great slaughter.

So she announced to the company with deliberation: "The Young Person is mad!"

It nettled me extremely.

"Mad!" I flung back at her. "Because I wish to save my poor aunt from such a situation as this! It would be charitable to infer madness in those who have led her into it!" When I reviewed this speech afterward I realized that it was not, under the circumstances, the best calculated to win me friends.

"Jane!" said Miss Higglesby-Browne in deep and awful tones, "the time has come to prove your strength!"

Aunt Jane proved it by uttering a shrill yelp, and clutching her hair with a reckless disregard of its having originally been that of a total stranger. So severe were her shrieks and struggles that it was with difficulty that she was borne below in the arms of two strong men.

I had seen Aunt Jane in hysterics before—she had them that time about the convict. I was not frightened, but I hurried after her—neck and neck with Miss Browne. It was fifteen minutes before Aunt Jane came to, and then she would only moan. I bathed her head, and held her hand, and did all the regulation things under the baleful eye of Miss Browne, who steadfastly refused to go away, but sat glaring like a gorgon who sees her prey about to be snatched from her.

In the midst of my ministrations I awoke suddenly to a rhythmic heave and throb which pervaded the ship. Dropping Aunt Jane's hand I rushed on deck. There lay the various pieces of my baggage, and in the distance on the boat with the two brown rowers was skipping shoreward over the ripples. As for the Rufus Smith, she was under way, and heading out of the roadstead for the open sea.

I dashed aft to the captain, who stood issuing orders in the voice of an aggrieved fog-horn.

"Captain!" I cried, "wait; turn around! You must put my aunt and me ashore!"

He whirled on me, showing a crimson angry face. "Turn around, is it, turn around?" he shouted. "Do you suppose I can loaf about the harbor here a-waitin' on your aunt's fits? You come aboard without me askin', and now you can go along with the rest. This here ship has got her course set for Frisco, pickin' up Leeward Island on the way, and anybody that ain't goin' in that direction is welcome to the open seaboard."

That is how I happened to go to Leeward Island.

CHAPTER II.

Apollo and Some Others.

The Rufus Smith, tramp freighter, had been chartered to convey the Harding-Browne expedition to Leeward Island, which lies, about three hundred miles west of Panama, and could be picked up by the freighter in her course. She was a little dingy boat, with small accommodations that I cannot imagine where the majority of her passengers stowed themselves away. My aunt and Miss Brown had a stateroom between them, the size of a packing-box, and somebody turned out and resigned another to me. I retired there to dress for dinner. In the haste of my departure from San Francisco I had not brought a trunk, so the best I was able to produce in the way of a crusher for Miss Higglesby-Browne and her fellow-passengers was a cool little white gown, which would shine at least by contrast with Miss Browne's severely utilitarian costume. White is becoming to my hair, which narrow-minded persons term red, but which has been known to cause the more discriminating to draw heavily on the dictionary for adjectives. My face is small and heart-shaped, with features strictly regular and an ornamental nose unfortunately inconspicuous. As for my eyes, I think tawny quite the nicest word, though Aunt Jane calls them hazel and I have even heard whispers of green.

Five minutes after the gong sounded I walked into the cabin. Miss Browne, Captain Watkins of the freighter, and half a dozen men were already at the table. I slid unobtrusively into the one vacant place, fortunately remote from the captain, who glared at me savagely, as though still embittered by the recollection of my aunt's fits.

"Gentlemen," said Miss Browne in icy tones, "Miss Virginia Harding."

Two of the men rose, the others stared or nodded. Except for Miss Browne and the captain, I had received on coming aboard only the most blurred impression of my fellow-voyagers. I remembered them merely as a composite of khaki and ocher habiliments and astounded staring faces. But I felt that as the abetters of Miss Browne a hostile and sinister atmosphere enveloped them all.

Being thus in the camp of the enemy, I sat down in silence and devoted myself to my soup. The majority of my companions did likewise—audibly. But presently I heard a voice at my left:

"I say, what a jolly good sailor you seem to be—pity your aunt's not!"

I looked up and saw Apollo sitting beside me. Or rather, shall I say a young man who might have walked out of an advertisement for a ready-made clothing house, so ideal and impossible was his beauty. He was very tall—I had to tilt my chin quite painfully to look up at him—and the loose collar of his silk shirt his throat rose like a column. His skin was a beautiful clear pink and white just tinged with tan—a meringue that has been in the oven for two minutes exactly. He had a straight, chiseled profile and his hair was thick and chestnut and wavy and he had clear sea-gray eyes. To give him at once his full name and titles, he was the Honorable Cuthbert Patrick Ruthmore Vane, of High Staunton Manor, Kent, England. But as I was ignorant of that I can truthfully say that he looks stunned me purely on their own merits.

Outwardly calm, I replied, "Yes, it's too bad, but then who ever supposed that Aunt Jane would go adventuring at her time of life? I thought nobody over the age of thirteen, and then boys, ever went treasure-hunting."

"Ah, but lads of thirteen couldn't well come such a distance on their own, you know," returned Apollo, with the kindest air of making allowance for the female intellect.

I hurriedly turned the subject. "I really can't imagine Aunt Jane on a desert island. What will she do if she meets a cannibal and he tries to eat her?"

"Oh, really, now," argued the paragon pensively, "I'm quite sure there's no danger of that, don't you know? I believe there are no natives at all on the island, or else quite tame ones, I forget which, and there are four of the chaps, with no end of revolvers and things. Mr. Shaw—sitting opposite you, Miss Browne, you know—is rather running things, so if you feel nervous you should talk to him. Was with the South Polar expedition and all that—knows no end about this sort of thing. Wouldn't be a moment think of letting ladies run the risk of being eaten."

I peeped around Apollo for a glimpse of the experienced Mr. Shaw. I saw a strong-featured weather-beaten profile, the face of a man somewhere in his thirties, and looking, from this side view at least, not only stern but grim.

I made up my mind at once that the backbone of the party, and inevitably the leader in its projected villainies, whatever they might be, was this rugged-looking Mr. Shaw. You couldn't fancy him as the misled follower of anybody, even the terrific Violet.

As it seemed an unpropitious moment for taking counsel with Mr. Shaw about cannibals, I tried another tack with the beautiful youth at my side. "How did you like Panama? I fancy the old town is very picturesque."

"Oh, rather!" assented Mr. Vane. "At least, that is what those painter chaps call it—met a couple of 'em at the hotel. Beastly little narrow streets and beasts in a shocking state and all that. I like to see property kept up, myself."

"I am afraid," I said severely, "that you are a philistine!"

He blinked a little. "Ah—quite so!" he murmured, recovering himself gallantly. "One of those chaps that backed Goliath against David, what?"

From this conversational impasse we were rescued by the impassive face of the gentleman opposite, whose small twinkling eyes had been taking me in with intentness.

"I did some dittin' about that little old town on my own hook," he informed us, "and what I got to say is, it needs wakin' up. I might have took a hand in it myself, if I hadn't have met up with Miss Browne and you a'nt. Yes, sir, I had a slick little proposition or two up my sleeve. Backed by some of the biggest capital in the U. S. A.—in fact, there's a bunch of fellers up there in God's country that's pretty sore on old H. H. for passin' things up this way. Kep' the wires hummin' for two-three days, till they seen it wasn't to be switched, and then the Old Man himself—no use mentionin' names, but I guess you know who I mean—Wall Street would, quick enough, anyway—the old Man himself threatened to put his yacht in commission and come down to find out what sort of little game H. H. was playin' on him—but I done like Br'er Rabbit—jest lay low, Hamilton P. Tubbs knows a good thing when he sees it about as quick as the next one—and he knows enough to keep mum about it, too!"

Three or four rough-looking men, of whom one, a certain Captain Magnus, belonged to our party and the rest to the ship, continued vigorously to hack their way through the meal with clattering knives and forks. Of other sounds there was none. Such gloom weighed heavily on the genial spirit of Mr. Tubbs, and he lightened it by rising to propose a toast.

"Ladies and gentlemen, to her now unfortunately late low by the pangs of mal de mer—our friend and bony dear, Miss Harding!"

This was bewildering, for neither by friend nor foe could Aunt Jane be called bony. Later in the light of Mr. Tubbs's passion for classical allusion, I decided to translate it bona dea, and consider the family complimented. At the moment I sat stunned, but Miss Browne, with greater self-possession, majestically inclined her head and said:

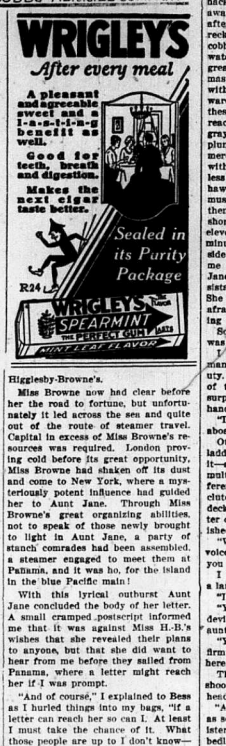
"In the name of our absent friend, I thank you."

In spite of wistful looks from the beautiful youth as we rose from the table, and the allurement of a tropic moon, I remained constant to duty and Aunt Jane, and immured myself in the stifling cabin, where I passed an enlivening evening listening to her moans. She showed a faint returning spark of life when I mentioned Cuthbert Vane, and raised her head to murmur that he was "quite the gentleman" and "unusually well bred," but relapsed heavily on my feet.

"I say," he exclaimed sympathetically, "not hurt, are you? Beastly nuisance, you know, these ropes lying about—regular man-traps, I call 'em."

"Thanks, I'm quite all right," I said, and as I spoke two large genuine tears welled up into my eyes. I hadn't realized till I felt them smarting on my cheeks how deeply hurt I was at the unnatural behavior of Aunt Jane.

"Ah—I'm afraid you are really not


WRIGLEY'S
After every meal
A pleasant and agreeable sweet and a real aid to digestion as well.
Good teeth, breath and digestion.
Makes the next cigar taste better.
Sealed in its Purity Package
R24
WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT
THE LASTING FLAVOR

"What Will She Do If She Meets a Cannibal and He Tries to Eat Her?"

"Be Strong, Jane—Cling to the Dynamic Thought."

complete was her perversion, fairly hagged her slavery and called it freedom. Yes, she talked about her Emancipation and her Soul-force and her Individuality, prattling away like a child that has learned its lesson well.

"Most aunty, what long words!" I cried gaily, sitting down beside her and patting her hand. Usually I can do anything with her when I pet her up a bit. But the eye of Miss Higglesby-Browne was on her—and Aunt Jane actually drew a little away.

"Really, Virginia," she said, feebly endeavoring to rise to the occasion as she knew Miss Browne would have her rise, "really, while it's very nice to see you and all that, still I hope you realize that I have had a—a deep Soul-experience, and that I am no longer to be—trifled with and—and treated as if I were—amusing. I am at a loss to imagine why you came. I wrote you that I was in the company of trusted friends."

"Friends?" I echoed aggrievedly. "Friends are all very well, of course, but when you and have just each other, aunty, I think it is unkind of you to expect me to stay thousands of miles away from you all by myself."

"But it was you who sent me to New York and insisted on my staying there!" she cried. Evidently she had been living over her wrongs.

"Yes—but how different!" I interrupted hastily. "There were the cousins, of course I have to share you sometimes to the rest of the family!" Aunt Jane is strong on family feeling, and frequently reproaches me with my lack of it.

But in expecting Aunt Jane to soften at this, I reckoned without Miss Higglesby-Browne. A dart from the cold gray eyes galvanized my aunt into a sudden rigid erectness.

"My dear Virginia," she said with quavering severity, "let me remind you that there are ties even dearer than those of blood—soul-affinities, you know, and—and, in short, in my dear friend Miss Higglesby-Browne I have met for the first time in my life with a—a Sympathetic Intelligence that understands Me!"

So that was Violet's line! I surveyed the Sympathetic Intelligence with a smiling interest.

"Really, how nice! And of course you feel quite sure that on your side you thoroughly understand—Miss Higglesby-Browne?"

Miss Browne's hair was rather like a clothesbrush in her mildest moods, but her rising wrath it seemed to quiver like a lion's mane.

"Miss Harding," she said, in the chest-tones she reserved for critical moments, "has a nature impossible to fathom, being herself incapable of deception. Miss Harding and I first met—on this plane—in an atmosphere unusually favorable to soul-revelation. I knew at once that here was the appointed comrade, while in Miss Harding there was the immediate recognition of a complementary spiritual force."

"It's perfectly true, Virginia," exclaimed Aunt Jane, beginning to cry. "You and Susan and everybody have always treated me as if I were a child and didn't know what I wanted, when I'm sure I always have known perfectly well!" The last words issued in a wail from the depths of her handkerchief.

"You mean, I suppose," I exploded, "that you have always wanted was to go off on this perfectly crazy chase after imaginary treasure!" There, now I had gone and done it. Of course it was my red hair.

"Jane," unwisely said Miss Higglesby-Browne in deep and awful tones, "do you or do you not realize how strangely prophetic were the warnings I gave you from the first—that if you revealed your plans malignant influences would be brought to bear? Be strong, Jane—cling to the Dynamic Thought!"

"I'm clinging!" sniffed Aunt Jane, dabbing away her tears. "Really, Virginia," she broke out in a whimper, "it is not kind to say, I suppose, but I would just as soon you hadn't come! Just when I was learning to expand my individuality—and then you come and somehow make it seem so much more difficult!"

I rose. "Very well, Aunt Jane," I said, coldly. "Expand all you like. When you get to the bursting point I'll do my best to save the pieces. For the present I suppose I had better leave you to company so much more favorable to your soul development!" And I walked away with my head in the air.

It was so much in the air, and the deck of the Rufus Smith was so unstable, that I fell over a coil of rope and fetched up in the arms of the Honorable Cuthbert Vane. Fortunately this occurred around the corner of the deck-house, out of sight of my aunt and Miss Browne, so the latter was unable to shed the lurid light on the episode which she doubtless would if she had seen it. Mr. Vane stood the shock well and promptly set me on my feet.

"I say," he exclaimed sympathetically, "not hurt, are you? Beastly nuisance, you know, these ropes lying about—regular man-traps, I call 'em."

"Thanks, I'm quite all right," I said, and as I spoke two large genuine tears welled up into my eyes. I hadn't realized till I felt them smarting on my cheeks how deeply hurt I was at the unnatural behavior of Aunt Jane.

"Ah—I'm afraid you are really not

(To be continued.)

THE NAPANEE EXPRESS

E. J. POLLARD, Editor and Proprietor.

PUBLISHED EVERY TUESDAY

All local reading notices or notices announcing entertainments at which a fee is charged for admission, will be charged 5c. per line for insertion, if in ordinary type. In black type the price will be 10c. per line each insertion.

E. & J. HARDY & CO.
Advertising Contractors and News Correspondents
Fleet St., London, E.C., England.

A file of this paper can be seen free of charge by visitors in London, to whom advice gratis will be given, if required.

U. M. WILSON,
Barrister, Solicitor, Notary Public Crown Attorney, Clerk of the Peace.
Phones—Office 46, Residence 128
Office—Dundas St., NAPANEE

G. F. RUTTAN, K. C.
Barrister, Solicitor, etc.
Office—Merchant's Bank Chambers, NAPANEE.
Money to Loan.
Phones—Office 93, Residence 123

W. G. WILSON,
Barrister
Solicitor, Notary Public, Conveyancer, Etc.
P. O. Box 620. Telephone No. 83
OFFICE—North Side Dundas St., Napanee, Ont.

HERRINGTON, WARNER & GRANGE
Barristers, Etc.
MONEY TO LOAN AT LOW RATE
Office—Warner Block, Opposite Post Office.

T. B. GERMAN
Barrister and Solicitor
MONEY TO LOAN AT LOWEST RATES
OFFICE: Grange Block, 60 John Street, Napanee 26m

GYPSUM WALLBOARD
FIRE PROOF WALLBOARD for exterior and interior use. Does not warp or split. Heat and Cold insulator.
BOOKLETS ON REQUEST.
—Sold by—
ROBERT LIGHT
LUMBER DEALER
Telephone 53. Napanee, Ont.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING ALRIGHT

He has sent us word to that effect. He says that he has lots of toys for good little girls and boys, but he had an awful time getting down to civilization and his reindeer were quite tired out. However, he has borrowed a big engine from the Canadian Pacific people, one of those so powerful that it pulls a heavy train between Montreal and Winnipeg in less than forty hours and he's alright now. "Don't you worry," he says, "I'll be there alright if nobody stays awake trying to catch me."

The Wreckers

By FRANCIS LYNDE

Copyright by Chas. Scribner's Sons

"All right; then perhaps you will tell me this: Do you, yourself, believe that four or five thousand railroad men have gone on strike out of sheer sympathy for a few hundred C. S. & W. employees, most of whom are merely common laborers?" Can you look me in the eye and tell me that you haven't fomented this eruption on the quiet to get the better of the Red Tower crowd in some way?" demanded the editor.

"I can, indeed," was the smiling answer.

Cantrell looked as if he didn't more than half believe it.

"Being a newspaper man, I'm naturally suspicious," he put in. "There are big doings down underneath all this that I can smell, but can't dig up. Everything about this strike is too blamed good-natured. I've talked with a dozen of the leaders, and with any number of the rank and file. They all grin and give me the wink, as if it were the best joke that was ever pulled off."

Again Mr. Norcross smiled handsomely. "If you push me to it, Cantrell, I may say that this is exactly their attitude toward me!"

"Well," said the editor, getting up to go; "it's doing one thing to you, good and proper. Your railroad stock is tumbling downstairs so fast that it can't keep up with itself."

"I hope it will tumble still more," said the boss, pleasantly, with another sort of enigmatic smile; and with that Mr. Cantrell had to be content.

As the editor went out, Fred May brought in the bunch of forenoon telegrams and laid them on the desk. They were quickly glanced at and tossed over to me as fast as they were read. Most of them were plaintive little yips from a strike-stricken lot of people along the Short Line who seemed to think that the world had come to an end, but there were three bearing the New York date line and signed "Dunton." The earliest had been sent shortly after the opening of the Stock exchange, and it ran thus:

"Morning papers announce strike and complete tie-up on P. S. L. Why no report from you of labor troubles threatening? Compromise at any cost and wire emphatic denial of strike. Answer quick."

The second of the series had been filed for transmission an hour later and it was still more saw-toothed.

"Cannot reports confirm newspaper story. Your failure to compromise instantly with employees will break stock market and subject you to investigation for criminal incompetency. Answer."

The third message had been sent still later.

"Your continued silence is inexcusable. If no favorable report from you by six o'clock you may consider yourself discharged from the company's service and criminal proceedings on charge of conspiracy will be instituted at once."

I thought things were beginning to look pretty serious for us if Mr. Dunton was going to try to drag us into the courts, but Mr. Norcross was still smiling when he handed me the last and latest telegram in the bunch. It was from Mr. Chadwick, and was good-naturedly laconic.

"To G. Norcross, G. M.

"Portal City.

"Just returned from trip to Seattle. What's doing on the Short Line?

"Chadwick."

"A couple of telegrams, Jimmie," said the chief, as he passed this last wire over, and I got my note-book ready.

"To B. Dunton, New York. Strike is sympathetic and not subject to compromise. Mails moving regularly, but all other traffic suspended indefinitely. My office closes today, and my resignation, effective at once, goes to you on Fast Mail tonight."

"Now one to Mr. Chadwick, and you may send it in code," he directed crisply. Then he dictated:

"See newspapers for account strike. Hatch and eight of his associates were killed last night in railroad wreck. Dunton has demanded my resignation and I have given it. Have plan for complete reorganization along lines discussed in beginning, and need your help. At market opening to-morrow sell P. S. L. large blocks and repurchase in driblets as price goes down. Report until I tell you to stop. Wire quick if you are with us."

Just as I was taking the last sentence, Mr. Ripley and Billy Ashby came in, and Mr. Norcross took them both into the third room of the suite and shut the door. An hour later when the door opened and they came out, the boss was summing up the new orders to Billoughby: "There's a lot to do, and you have my authority to hire all the help you need. See the bankers yourself, personally, and get them to interest other local buyers along the line, the more of them, and the smaller they are, the better. I'll take care of Portal City, myself. I've had Van Britt on the wire and he is taking care of the employees—yes, that goes as it lies, and is a part of the original plan; every man who works for P. S. L. is going to own a bit of stock. If we have to carry him for it and let him pay a dollar a week. More than that, they shall have representation on the board if they want it. And while you're knocking it into shape, take time to show these C. S. & W. folks how they can climb back into the saddle. Red Tower is down and out, now, and they can keep it out if they want to."

I suppose I might rattle this old type-machine of mine indefinitely and tell the story of the financial fight that filled the next few days; of how the boss and Mr. Ripley and Billoughby got the bankers and practically everybody together all along the Short Line and sprung the big plan upon them, which was nothing less than the snapping up, on a tumbling stock market, of the opportunity now presented to them of owning—actually owning in fee simple—their own railroad, the buying to be done quietly through Mr. Chadwick's brokers in Chicago and New York.

There was some opposition and jangling and see-sawing back and forth, of course, but the newspapers, by the Mountaineer, took the bold, and then, pretty soon, everybody took bold; after which the only trouble was to keep people—our own rank and file among them—from buying P. S. L. Common fast than the stock brokers would catch on and run the price up.

They didn't catch on—not until after it was too late; and the minute Mr. Chadwick wired us from Chicago that he was safe, the strike went off as you might say, between two minutes, and Mr. Norcross called a meeting of stockholders, the same to be held—down your heart!—in Portal City, the thriving metropolis of the region in which, counting Mr. Chadwick in as one of us, a good, solid voting majority of the stock was now held. The Mountaineer printed the call, and it broke on the railroad as "our railroad company"!

The meeting was held in due time, and Mr. Chadwick was there to preside. He made a cracking good chairman, and the way he dilated on the fact that now the country—and the employees—had a railroad of their own, and that the whole nation would be looking to see how we would demonstrate the problem we had taken over, actually brought cheers—think of it; cheers in a railroad stockholders' meeting!

Following Mr. Chadwick's talk there was the usual routine business; reports were read and it was shown that the Short Line, notwithstanding all the stealings and mismanagements, was still a good going proposition at the price at which it had been bought in. A new board of directors was chosen, and as soon as the new board got together, Mr. Norcross went back to his office in the headquarters, not as general manager, this time—not on your life!—but as the newly elected president of Pioneer Short Line. And by the same token, the first official circular that came out—a copy of which I sent, tied up with a blue ribbon, to Maisie Ann—read like this:

"To all Employees:

"Effective this day, Mr. James F. Dodds is appointed assistant to the president with headquarters in Portal City.

"G. Norcross, President."

That's all; all but a little talk between the boss and Mr. Upton Van Britt that took place in our office on the day after Mr. Van Britt, still kicking about the hard work that the boss was always piling upon him, had been appointed general manager.

"You've made the riffle, Graham—just as I said you would," said our own and only millionaire, after he had got through abusing the fates that wouldn't let him go back east and play with his opera shears and his yachts and polo ponies. "You're going to be the biggest man this side of the mountains, some day; and the day isn't so very far off, either."

It was just here that the boss got out of his chair and walked to the other end of the room. When he came back it was to say:

"You think I have won out, Upton, and so does everybody else. I suppose it looks that way to the man in the street. But I haven't, you know. I have lost the one thing for which I would gladly give all the business success I have ever made or hope to make."

Mr. Van Britt's smile was more than half a grin.

"It isn't lost, Graham: it's only gone before. Can't you wait a decent little while?"

"If I should wait all my life it wouldn't be long enough, Upton," was the reply. "What you said to me—that time when we first spoke of Collingwood—was true. You said she loved the other man—and so she did."

This time Mr. Van Britt's smile was a whole grin.

"I said it, and I'll say it again. She didn't realize it or admit it, even to herself, you know; she's too good and clean-hearted for anything like that. But I could see it plainly enough, and so could everybody else except the two people most nearly concerned. I didn't mean Howie Collingwood: you were the 'other man,' Graham."

At this the boss whirled short and stamped to the other end of the room again, standing for quite a little while with one foot on the low window-sill and making out like he was looking down at the traffic clattering along in Nevada avenue. But I'll bet a quarter he never saw a single wheel of it. When he came back our way his eyes were shining and he put his hand on Mr. Van Britt's shoulder.

"It ought to have been you, Uppy," he said, dropping back to the old college nickname. "You're by long odds the better man. When—when do you think I might venture to take a little run across to New York."

At that, Mr. Van Britt laughed out loud.

"Ho! ho!" he said. "I suppose I ought to say a year. You can wait one little year, can't you, Graham?"

"Not on your life!" rasped the boss. And then: "I'll tell you what I'll do; I'll compromise with the proprieties, for I suppose it is that you're insisting on, and make it six months. But that's the limit—the absolute limit!"

And so it was.

(THE END.)

Up in the Clouds.

Although men will tell you it's sport for sport's sake—that they fish for the love of fishing and hunt for the lure of the chase—to a woman it seems that their keenest enjoyment is in the talking over at the end of the day.

There was one such group of tired but loquacious fishermen, and the talk turned on hunting and dogs. One of the men, an Englishman, contributed this bit:

"We are having no end of trouble," he said, "about a dog in our house. You see its an apartment, and someone has a little dog that they always take on the roof for an airing. Its very annoying for the maids, you know, and we've complained to no end of people, the board of health and the police, but they persist in exercising him there.

"Perhaps," volunteered one of the fishermen, "its a Skye terrier."

"Well, now you know, I've never seen the dog."

Publicity.

Not long ago a young author friend of the Woman's was a very modest young person.

"I do need more publicity," she said. "If you can float the public half the battle is won and the publicity will do that."

So she secured much publicity. And the other day the Woman met her once more.

"I see you're getting lots of good publicity," the Woman said.

But the young author was a different person.

"Yes, I'm beginning to be appreciated at last," she said. "It's about time, too."

For the young author believed the publicity she herself was furnishing to the public. Publicity is very powerful. It even makes those who send it out about themselves believe it to be true. —Chicago Journal.

Accommodating.

"The Imperial garage in town is the best place to get your car fixed," volunteered a resident of the Presbyterian Hill neighborhood, who had halted his wagon to address a motorist who was tinkering at his stalled flivver. "I'll hook ye on behind and drag ye in for $2?"

"No!" snarled the other.

"All right! I'm a notary public. Swear ye in for half a dollar."—Kansas City Star.

IN DEATH VALLEY

Surely Has Earned Name of "Place That God Forgot."

Heat Draws Moisture From the Human Body So That in a Few Hours Comes Insanity.

Death valley is so called because in summer it kills. A man plays out in three summers, usually.

The valley is gray and somber. From April to October it is hell. From October to April it averages very comfortable. Then come ducks, geese, quail, robins, blackbirds, lynx, bobcats, rabbits, coyotes, badgers, bats, mice, rats, gophers, skunks and foxes, only to clear out as soon as summer begins again.

Souse a blanket in a tub of water and pull one end out dripping. It will dry thoroughly while you are scrubbing the other half. Dip a handkerchief in water and hold it up. It is dry in a minute's time. Jump into water fully clothed and you will be bone dry to the last thread in half an hour.

Ten minutes on the sand will bake an egg hard. Cut beef in thin stripe, dip in brine and hang in the sun. It is jerky within an hour. Alfalfa cut in the field is cured and ready for stacking in less than two hours.

A large part of the valley is a borax marsh. Parts of this carry only a thin crust, but in the south the crust is so thick there is a road across it six miles long, on which they haul the 20-mule loads of borax.

Summer heat runs up as high as 160 degrees, highest on earth. At midnight it often touches 120. The only animal life found in the valley in summer is snakes and other reptiles.

The average humidity of Death valley is only .01 of 1 per cent.

It sucks the moisture from a man's body fast enough to send him insane in a few hours without an abundance of drinking water. No man can bear to touch a rock with his bare hands in midday.

The first of many deaths recorded against Death valley and the one that first gave it the name, was when 30 men, women and children tried to cross it. A dozen escaped alive. Ten yeads later the bones, wagons, utensils, yokes, chains, guns, revolvers, even children's toys, were found. No rain had fallen on them in all that time. The Piute Indians had left them untouched from superstitious fear.—Adventure Magazine.

GREAT LAKES THINGS APART

Writer Complains, With Reason, That Wonderful Bodies of Water Are Not Appreciated.

Statistics can never make people understand the Great Lakes. That it is 300 miles down Lake Michigan from Chicago to Mackinac means little; that 600 feet of water is not an unusual depth; that the tonnage which goes through the locks at Sault Ste. Marie makes the annual tonnage of the Suez canal seem insignificant—these things mean little in themselves. Try another: No equal area of water that rolls floats as much shipping in a year as does the Detroit river. That falls flat, too. The beauty of the Great Lakes cannot be compared to that of any other water in the world and carry meaning. Harold Titus writes in Everybody's. They are things apart, an influence, a background for important cultural factors that are beyond statistics. There is no locality more American in America than the Great Lakes. The romance of exploration is largely forgotten by America as a whole; the island communities, once so picturesque, are thinning out, railroads have driven the trading hooker off this fresh water; fishing, for the most part, is today as efficient and commonplace as most forms of business; the great fleets of freighters go up and down, up and down, hardly noticed, rarely thought of, except by those directly interested in shipping. And yet the Great Lakes have their place in our civilization, and in time that place will be recognized and talked about and enjoyed and the lakes themselves will be studied and appreciated and understood.

Surely Inalienable Right.

Almost any alibi will do in a pinch. Old John Smithers of Richmond, in the days of '49, was one of those "still less" individuals, too trifling for words and of no value to himself or anybody else. His wife kept a railroad boarding house and tolerated him about the place as a sort of safety valve for her temper and used him as an errand boy to run to the grocery. One afternoon, when it was about time to start the cooking for the evening meal, she could not find either him or the hired girl. At last she discovered them in the woodshed hugging and kissing to beat the band. The girl fled and left him to face the music alone.

"Here you are," cried his indignant wife, "mooning and spooning around with that young hussy, and me working the skin off my fingers to keep your worthless body and soul together! Now, ain't you ashamed of yourself?"

"Humph," retorted old John, "I guess a man's got a right to some privilege in his own home, ain't he?" —Indianapolis News.

Loaderless Orchestras.

There must be no despotism of leadership, not even in art, is the decree of the soviets. So in Moscow they have concerts given by orchestras without conductors. The soviet papers insist that the performances were just as good; and, what is more, the dignity of the performers was safeguarded by the absence of the conductor, with his baton, a symbol of tyranny, intolerable to free men.

The soviet press adds that these performances constitute the musical as well as the political ideal.

Quebec to Have New Sport Facilities

E. DES BAILLETS

With the first fall of snow covering the ground Quebec is putting the finishing touches to a programme of winter activities that will extend throughout the season and cover every phase of outdoor sport. A ski jump that will rival those of Montreal and Ottawa, and attract amateur skiers of international fame is planned for this city, and engineers are already at work making surveys and plans for its erection on the Dandurand Terrace property of the Quebec Seminary. The jump will be opened in due course under the auspices of the Frontenac Winter Sports Club, a new sportive organization under the patronage of the Chateau Frontenac and direction of E. Des Baillets, internationally known winter sportsman, who has drawn up a programme of interfederal competitions, including figure skating, curling, ski-running and jumping, hockey and other events to take place in this city during the coming season. Mr. Des Baillets is supported by local civic, sporting, military and other authorities, while a number of offices in the Frontenac Winter Sports Club have been left open for representatives of clubs in the United States.

Featuring in the programme already outlined are ski, hockey and skating tournaments at which Canadian and American Universities will compete. In this connection it is announced that the Princeton University hockey team will meet the Sons of Ireland in Quebec, February 10th, and on the following day will meet the McGill team at the new Forum in Montreal. The American team comes from the University of which the late Woodrow Wilson was president when elected to the Presidency of the United States.

Ski-joring will receive much attention and owners of fast horses are being encouraged to train them for that sport. Races will be held on a track of well beaten snow. The Chateau dog team will play its usual part in aiding sport and merriment, and will be housed in a little Eskimo igloo, adding to their picturesqueness.

DIFFERING VIEWS OF RAINBOW

Declaration Made That No Two Persons Can See the Same Display in the Same Way.

Misconceptions concerning the rainbow are many, according to Prof. W. J. Humphreys, Ph. D., of Franklin institute, Philadelphia. Close observations have shown that not even the colors are always the same. Neither is the band of any color of constant angular width, nor is the total breadth of the several colors uniform. But perhaps the most interesting feature which Professor Humphreys brings out is the fact that no two persons see the same rainbow; there are as many rainbows as there are persons looking at them, it seems.

Theory teaches and ordinary experience shows as the observer remains stationary or moves, so also, other things being equal, does his rainbow. If then, two observers initially close together should move in opposite directions, each would find his rainbow responding in the same sense as his shadow, and presently the two positions, and, therefore, the identity of the two bows, would become unquestionably different, from which it follows that, as the eyes of the two observers must always be separated by a greater or less distance, their bows must also be correspondingly separated and different positions are produced by different raindrops.

In short, since the rainbow is a special distribution of colors (produced in a particular way) with reference to a definite point—the eye of the observer—and as no single distribution (other than uniform and infinite) can be the same for two separate points, it follows that two observers cannot see the same rainbow.—Behoboth Sunday Herald.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES

Intercourse 900 Years Ago Shown Between British Isles and Norway.

Proof of the intercourse existing between the British Isles and Norway 900 years ago is contained in two interesting archaeological discoveries just made on the Buku Islands, situated in the Fjord of Buku, about 20 miles northwest of Stavanger, Norway, according to advices received from Christiania. The first discovery, which was made by two laborers at a place known as Jonen Farm, in West Buku Island, consists of about 320 coins. Approximately 160 of these are of Anglo-Saxon origin, and with one exception were minted during the reign of Aethelred II. "The Unready," A.D. 975-1012. Six copies are somewhat crude copies of the Aethelred coins and one belongs to the reign of his father, Edgar, A.D. 959-975.

The second discovery was that of a magnificent golden buckle, about three inches in diameter which was turned up in the soil on the Nedreboe farm, on East Buku Island, at nearly the same time that the Joseng coins were found. The buckle is in three sections. The rear surface is of bronze, richly ornamented with a design in filigree of Norwegian workmanship. The rear surface is of bronze and the two are bound together with a thin silver wire. Apart from a magnificent golden spur found years ago on the Christiania Fjord this buckle constitutes the finest example of goldsmith's work of the Viking age which Norway possesses. There is some ground for believing that the design on the rear surface of bronze is of Irish origin. In this respect the buckle forms an interesting addition to the many objects of Celtic origin found in the course of time in the ancient soil of Roseland.

Chilian Mine Worker Muscular.

The mining peons of Chili are hard workers and perform tasks which most white people would be slow to undertake. The regular load is 150 pounds of ore, strapped to their shoulders with which they climb up hundreds of feet on ladders often consisting only of notched trees. They toil without ceasing from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., and night seem to be in need of all the rest they can get, but before supper prefer to take the strain out of their muscles after a fashion of their own, namely—dancing vehemently to the sound of a fiddle for an hour or two, or even longer if their lady friends happen to muster in force.

Very Steady.

First City Man: "Pity Smith boy who used to work for you wants me to give him a job. Is he steady?"

Second City Man: "Well, if he was any steadier he'd be motionless!"

Messages From Moses.

Stated to be in the actual handwriting of Moses, old Hebrew inscriptions found in the Sinai Peninsula have been translated.

Helpful.

"As a book agent, will you explain something to me?"

"If I can."

"You seem to prefer selling dictionaries."

"Yes."

"Why is that?"

"I like a good thick book. As they try to slam the door you insert the volume and this gives you a gap wide enough to talk through."

Few British Women Lawyers.

In the whole of England there are but a dozen women who are qualified to practice law.

"TELL IT TO THE MARINES."

Everyday Phrases We All Repeat Like Parrots.

"What is a popular phrase?" someone once asked. "Something we all repeat like parrots, without knowing its real origin or meaning," was the reply of the cynic; and to a certain extent he was right.

How many of us, for instance, can tell how those common phrases "tuft-hunters" and "fools' paradise" arose? We have an idea that the former refers to the person who seeks the society and apes the manner of the "Upper Ten"; but why "tufts"? And why "paradise" for the fool who shuts his eyes to threatening troubles and dangers, satisfied with the enjoyment of the moment.

As a matter of fact, the latter phrase originated in the theological argument that there is a place for fools just outside paradise, while the term "tuft-hunting" took its rise at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, where at one time the young noblemen wore a peculiarly-formed cap with a tuft, which presumably attracted hangers-on.

"Hobson's choice" arose from the fact that Hobson, a noted carrier in Cambridge would only let out his horses and coaches for hire in rotation, refusing to allow his customers to choose, a customer being compelled to take the horse nearest the door. Thus it became customary, when anything was forced upon one, to say "Hobson's choice."

"Eating humble pie" is a phrase which really arose from the corruption of the word "umbles" or "numbles," the coarser parts of a deer killed in hunting, which, when made into a pie, were formerly reserved for the lower hunt servants; while "cooking his goose" is a phrase which originated when the Duke of Sweden, on approaching a hostile town, excited the contempt of the inhabitants by the smallness of his army. To express this they hung out a goose for him to shoot at, whereupon the king set fire to the town to "cook their goose."

Long ago unscrupulous people used to take a cat tied in a bag to market, where they tried to sell it for a pig. If, however, a buyer opened the bag before buying, the cat, of course, jumped out, displaying the fraud. Hence the term "letting the cat out of the bag."

"Going to the dogs" comes from the East, where dogs are scavengers of the streets, and become so unclean as to be unfit to touch; while the expression "Tell it to the marines," used to show disbelief in the truth of a story, arose from the fact that when the marines first went afloat they were naturally rather "green" concerning nautical affairs, and someone who related a very tall yarn was told to "tell it to the marines," the idea being that they could be more easily gulled.

It is a curious fact that the phrase, "Bald as a badger," owes its origin to authors of the past who had no exact knowledge of natural history, and who, because the forehead of a badger is covered with smooth white hairs, came to the conclusion that it was bald.

Years ago a theatrical manager of the bogus type had in his company an actor whose strong point was the Ghost in "Hamlet." If his actor was not forthcoming on Saturday, this actor would exclaim, "Then the ghost won't walk to-night," a phrase which is still used by actors on pay-day, and which provides a striking illustration of how a casual remark becomes a common saying.

RALEIGH'S HOME IN DANGER

Proposal to Destroy It and Erect Cottages on the Site Has Aroused Much Protest.

The ancestral home of Sir Walter Raleigh may be destroyed. It lies in the west country, on the edge of Dartmoor, and is known as Fardel, and is generally said to be the seat of the family of Sir Walter Raleigh; today it is nothing more than a farmhouse, but surely worthy of preservation, if only for its historical associations.

Raleigh's father, a country gentleman, originally settled at Fardel, where he owned property. His second son, John, succeeded to the family estate at Fardel, and there received his brother Walter. Considerable remains of the old mansion of Fardel exists, but what has roused the protest of the Devonshire association is the proposal to convert the old chapel into a number of cottages. Such vandalism ought to be prevented at any cost.

The courtyard at Fardel formerly contained an inscribed bi-lingual stone of the Romano-British period. On the one side were the words "Fanoni Macquisini," and on the other, "Sapanut," with some Ogham characters on the edge. Local tradition makes the stone a memorial erected by Raleigh in an adjoining field; and the local rhyme runs thus:

Between this stone and Fardel Hall
Lies a crock of gold and a calf and a half.

Anyone who wishes to see the stone now must apply at the British museum.—Christian Science Monitor.

INDIVIDUALITY IN THE HOME

Arrangements Able to Reflect in a Thousand Ways the Personality of the Occupant.

On the subject of individuality in the home a prominent writer has this to say: Individuality is as important to a house as personality to a woman. A room should be as sure an index to the character and taste of the person who occupies it as is the clothes she wears or the books she reads. The truly interesting interiors are the ones reflecting in a thousand subtle ways the gracious personality of the occupant. A favored color scheme here and there—unusual bibelots culled from far corners of the globe—a rug that immediately challenges attention—these are the things that stamp a room and render it infinitely desirable. You are all familiar with those interiors perfect to the last detail—every piece of furniture of the right period and in the right place, and we all know how uninspired they are and how difficult to live in. Nowhere is the unusual touch, no sense of any personality breaks through. Everything is stereotyped and consequently dull.

DAVY & ALLISON

Plumbing, Furnace Work, Tinsmiths.

Hardware, Paints and Oils. Stoves, and Furnaces.

DAVY & ALLISON,

Next to Caton's.

FRED S. SCOTT

BARBER and TOBACCONIST
John St.

(One door south of Express Office.)

Everything clean and sanitary.

Satisfaction guaranteed.

We carry a full line of pipes, cigarettes and tobacco. Our prices are right

Bring your films to us. 25 years experience at developing and printing. Enlargements made on short notice. Mail orders will receive prompt attention.

FALL BULBS

Tulips,
Hyacinths,
Crocuses,
Narcissi.
Daffodils,
Scilla,
Snowdrops,
Freesias.

BULB FIBRE AND FERTILIZERS.

GEO. E. WINTER,

Dundas St. Phone 78.

Denison Bros.

We Sell for Less

5 lbs. Washing Soda for..	15c.
1 lb. good Black Pepper for	20c.
1 lb. Cocoa 10c., 3 lb. for..	25c.
1 lb. Prunes 10c., 3 lb. for.	25c.
2 lbs. Raisins for.....	20c.
1 lb. pkg. Bonner's Seedless	13c.
1 lb. pkg. Bonner's Seeded	13c.
1 lb. Shortening.....	17c.
1 lb. tin Sockeye Salmon..	28c.
2 bars Carbolic Soap.....	15c.
1 lb. pure Cream Tartar..	30c.
1 lb. tin Our Own Baking Powder.....	20c.
2 lbs. good Soap Chips....	25c.
5 lb. pail Nova Shortening	90c.
1 lb. Baking Soda.....	5c.
3 lb. Dates.....	22c.
Iodine Salt, per box.....	18c.

Denison Bros.

North Centre Street.

NAPANEE, ONTARIO.

CORNS

end the pain quickly, *safely*

In one minute you can end the pain of corns with Dr. Scholl's Zino-pads. They end the misery of corns by eliminating the cause, friction-pressure. No danger of infection from cutting or corrosive acids.

Zino-pads are *thin*; antiseptic, waterproof. They protect while they heal. Sizes for corns, callouses and bunions. Call today and get a box of this *new*, magic corn treatment.

Dr Scholl's **Zino-pads**

Put one on—the pain is gone!

We also carry a complete line of Dr. Scholl's Foot Comfort Appliances and Remedies.

The Haines Shoe Houses

Daly's Good Tea is dependable—When you buy a pound you know with certainty that you will serve a tea rich in flavor and of the proper strength, one that will make the members of your family or your guests exclaim, "What a splendid cup of tea." This famous brand for sale at WALLACE'S DRUG STORE.

Electrical Gifts.

For your electrical gifts for Christmas time call at Vine's Electric Shop. Will be prepared to charge radio batteries of all types on Dec. 6th., as I am installing apparatus for same.

Dundas street looks quite Christmas-like with its decorations of evergreen trees, and at night the colored lights give the street a very festive appearance.

The First Degree Team of Argyll Lodge No. 212, I.O.O.F. Napanee, paid a fraternal visit to Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston, on Tuesday evening last. The Napanee brethren were well entertained by the Kingston lodge.

The funeral of the late Mrs. John T. Grange, John street, who died on Friday, took place from her late residence on Sunday afternoon. Religious services were conducted at the house by Rev. A. J. Terrill, B.A., B.D., of Grace Methodist church, of which she was a member. Interment took place at Switzerville cemetery. The deceased's maiden name was Miss Electon Parrott, and she was born in Ernestitown in the year 1836. Fred Bicknell, of Boise, Idaho, her only surviving son, was the chief mourner.

The home of Mr. Charles Asselstine near Sillsville, was destroyed by fire on Thursday afternoon. The fire, which is supposed to have been caused by a defective chimney, was discovered at about four o'clock in the afternoon. Neighbors gathered to render assistance possible, but the rapidity with which the flames covered headway, made salvage of effects impossible, and but a few small articles of furniture were saved from the burning home. Mr. Assedstine had made preparations for moving to Deseronto for he winter months and Mrs. Asselstine is at present in Deseronto. The amount of insurance carried, if any, is not at present known, but the loss is severe for Mr. Asselstinne.

WHO WILL PAY THE COST ?

At the Ontario Municipal Electric Association meeting held in Toronto Nov. 26th, to consider the St. Lawrence development, Ex-Mayor Newman of Picton presented a resolution pointing out that in a circular issued by the Canadian Deep Waterways Association, Government ownership and control of power development was favored as opposed to municipal ownership and also payment by power users of the total cost of a proposed ship canal from Lake Ontario to Montreal. The resolution, declaring the Hydro Association to be opposed to the methods urged in the Deep Waterways Circular as being an attempt to interfere with municipal rights and to place an unfair burden on the power users of the Province, was passed unanimously.

At a meeting of the Canadian Deep Waterways Association in St. Catharines Nov. 28th, President of the Association referred to the apparent conflict between the Hydro and Deep Waterways Association and said he had not the slightest idea of interfering with the carrying out of the Hydro project. In conclusion he pointed out that a canal system on the St. Lawrence without the power development to bear the cost was an impossibility, that neither Government would consider the scheme without the inclusion of the power development.

It is estimated that the deepening of the St. Lawrence will cost 252,000,000.00 and will save the West $12,000,000.00 to $15,000,000 annually.

The circular attacked by Ex-Mayor Newman after pointing out that the joint governments of the United States and Canada can borrow the money cheaper than Ontario can, runs, "The people of Ontario (the power users) can well afford to pay the full cost of the whole project, in other words absorb as part of the cost of the power, the cost also of the canal system."

This is one of the big National and International questions; Should the Hydro Power users of the East pay a double price for power that the Western Provinces and Western States may have cheap transportation ?—Picton Gazette.

CAREER MARRED BY READING

Mark Twain's Humorous Story of Solemn Warning Against the Perils of Literature.

At an early age Mark Twain was solemnly warned against the dangers of reading. As a boy—so we learn from the diary of Mrs. James T. Fields, which the Atlantic Monthly prints—one of the first stories that he acquired after he had begun his apprenticeship on a Mississippi river steamboat was the Fortunes of Nigel.

He hid himself with it behind a barrel, where the master of the boat found him and read him a lecture on *the ruinous effect of his act.* "I've seen it over and over agin," he declared. "You needn't tell me anythin' about it; if ye're going to be a pilot on this river ye needn't ever think of reading it. It just spiles ye. Yer can't remember how high the tides were in Can's gut three tipps before the last now. I'll wager."

"Why, no," replied Mark, "that was six months ago."

"I don't care if 'twas," said the man. "If you hadn't been spilling yer mind by readin', ye'd have remembered."

So the boy was never permitted to read after that. "And," Mark once observed, "not being able to have it when I was hungry for it, I can only read the encyclopedia nowadays."

But adds Mrs. Fields, that is not true; he reads everything!—Youth's Companion.

The Market Grocery.

Fresh pure lines of groceries. The finest quality English peels, raisins, currants, navel oranges, Royal Household flour, Ogilvies rolled oats, corn meal and wheat granules. Ogilvies name means quality. The highest standard in teas and coffee always in stock. Try this store with your order.

THOMPSON BROS.

PERSONALS

(All our readers are cordially invited to hand in, or send in, any news they may have for this column).

Mrs. Herbert Daly spent a few days last week in Toronto.

Mrs. E. J. Corkill is visiting her mother at Harriston, Ont.

Mrs. B. F. Davy and Miss Helen Davy have returned from Toronto.

Mrs. Archie Peterson, Adolphustown, is visiting friends at Moscow.

Mrs. Andrew Bell, Tamworth, left last week to spend the winter in Florida.

Mr. E. O. Ungar is on a trip to Lakeworth, Florida, where he has some real estate.

Mr. Chas. Hall, Calgary, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hall.

Mrs. Wm. Charters, Sillsville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) Clarke, Ottawa.

Mrs. F. F. Miller's many friends are pleased to learn that she is able to be out after her long illness.

Mr. Delbert Quick, Dearborn, Mich., is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hunter.

Mr. Aubrey Pringle, New York, will sing solos in St. Andrews Church, on Sunday, both morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Waller left on Monday to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Bartlett, London, Ont.

Mrs. Williams, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Milsap for several weeks, has returned to Stirling.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Burgess have decided to move to Belleville, where Mr. Burgess has secured a good business opening.

Mr. Allan Simpson and family are moving to Toronto, where Mr. Simpson has secured an excellent position with the Robert Simpson Co.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sherwood left on Thursday last for New York, where they will spend Xmas with Miss Leah Sherwood. Later they will go to Virginia.

Mr. W. H. Bristow, who has been spending the summer with his grandson at Hay Bay, has returned to Napanee and has purchased a home on Centre street.

Mrs. John Perry Vrooman announces the engagement of her daughter, Josephine Holdsworth, to Mr. Chares Laechler Burpee, son of Mr. Francis F. Burpee, of St. John, N.B. The marriage will take place in Montreal in January.

BIRTHS

Todd—At Hamilton, on November 12th, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Todd, (nee Grace Wilson), a son.

MARRIAGES.

McGee — Brown — At Grace Methodist Parsonage, on Wednesday, Dec. 10th, 1924, by Rev. A. J. Terrill, B.A., B.D., Muriel Geneva, daughter of Reuben Brown, Deseronto Road, to Harry Morgan McGee, of Napanee.

Tompkins—King—At Trinity Methodist Parsonage, on Saturday, December 6th, 1924, by Rev. W. R. Tamon, Kenneth Alber Tompkins to Bertha Harriet King, both of Newburgh.

DEATHS

Grange—At Napanee, on Friday, Dec. 12th, 1924, Electa Bicknell Grange, aged 88 years.

Milsap—At Moscow, on Tuesday, Dec. 16th, 1924, James Milsap, aged 56 years.

Todd—At Hamilton, on November 13th, 1924, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Todd.

Don't Grope in the Dark.

Everedy Flashlights and batteries always in stock.

WILSON'S HARDWARE.

Lifts Mired Motortrucks.

For lifting motortrucks out of mud, sand or snow, in which they may be stranded, a portable attachment, shown in Popular Mechanics Magazine, for connection to a mired wheel, is in the form of a wooden four-sided block, in length about half the width of the truck. About the middle of this block is an eyebolt through which a chain having a hook at one end is passed. The chain is long enough to encircle the rim of the wheel, against which it is made tight by slipping the hook into the link of the chain. A tubular extension at the end of the block is so made that, when two blocks are placed on opposite wheels, they will telescope together. The truck is lifted by the blocks when the wheels are rotated.

On the Nile.

The prettiest and most accomplished mannequin of to-day is probably Miss Lelia Mackenzie, who has taken part in mannequin parades in the dress departments of Old Country shops. An anecdote this enterprising young lady tells about her experiences on the Nile is ingenious.

"During the latter part of the war I went quail shooting on the Nile, forgetting that firearms were forbidden. I'd made several of these palatable birds quail before my rifle, and then discovered the military police were after me. I darted down the river in a little high-speed motor-boat for a few miles and then rested on the bank.

"Soon up came a few excitable young men inquiring for the 'spy.' To save trouble I had to humor them, and at last said I would let them into the secret as to the 'spy's' identity if they would run away and play, and promise to allow me to get on with my novel. They promised.

"'Well, you silly boys,' I laughed, 'the culprit's sitting here talking to you!' And, chuckling at their own 'slowness,' they retired to their slower boat."

Another score for Scotland!

If you want something neat and tasty in Xmas Greeting Cards get them at The Napanee Express Printing House.

Robinson's Men's Night, Wednesday, Dec. 17th

On Wednesday night, from 7.30 to 9.30, we are opening up our store for the men of Napanee and vicinity. We figured that you would like this opportunity, when you could come in and roam around, unmolested. Our Xmas stocks are really a sight to see. We know that we can give you an interesting time—it mig ht also help to solve that prepiexing problem, "What to Give."

The Xmas Stampede is on

The rush for suitable gift merchandise enters the last lap. Hundreds of people have delayed in their choosing. Now, when every second counts you'll find in Robinson's Xmas stock dozens and dozens, and dozens of ways to say, Merry Christmas to every member of your family.

A Merry Xmas

to

Dad

Ties (carefully selected please).
Linen Handkerchiefs.
Lined Gloves and Mitts.
Fine Shirts.
Worsted Hose.
A House Coat.
A Lounging Robe.
A Heavy Coat Sweater.
A Cap.
A Hat.

Mother

Snug, warm Fur Coat, plain or Sable trimmed.
French Beaded Overblouse.
Oblong Leather Purse.
Umbrella with fancy handle.
Striped Silk Scarf.
Wool or Leather Gloves.
Madeira Table Linen.
Material for Dress.
Set of Furs.
Sport Skirt.

Big Brother

Wool Scarf.
Silk Scarf.
Collar Bag.
Silk Hose.
Fancy Pullover Sweater.
Wolsey Hose.
Broadcloth Shirts.
Beautiful Neckwear.
Pyjamas.
Novelty Hose.

Bachelor Sister

Chinese Embroidered Gowns.
Kimonos.
English Cardigan.
Outing Knickers.
Lace trimmed Brassieres.
Evening Dress.
Silk Hose.
Wool Gloves.
Colored Handkerchiefs.
Fur Scarf.
Neckwear.
Beads.

His Majesty The Baby

White Pique Rompers.
Wool Leggings.
Fur Carriage Pocket.
Wooly Bonnets.
White Chinchilla Coat (Cloth).
Teddy Bear.
Mama Doll.
Wool Crib Cover.
Fancy Wool Bootees.
Colored Picture Book (linen).
Porridge Sett.
Rattles.

The Twins At School

Hockey Stick and Puck.
Sleighs.
Pocket Knife.
Boy Scout Book.
Boys Camp Fire Tales.
Warm Pyjamas.
Golf Socks.
Pullover Sweaters.
Comfy Mackinaw.
Collar and Ties.
Dress Shirts.
Handkerchiefs.

OUR TOY DEPARTMENT BOASTS THE FINEST STOCK IN YEARS AND YEARS

Don't know what to buy, you say, then come to us—Our Toy Department has enough toys and games to meet the requirements of all the boys and the girls in the country. Many are absolutely new, all are decidedly interesting, for instance, **The Frisky Pup, 25c.**, a circus dog which leaps and barks when you squeeze the bulb.

56 other toys and games at 25c. each.

GIVE BOOKS—WHO CAN ESTIMATE THEIR WORTH?

"Books" play a large part when it comes to Xmas gifts. Our Book-nook is complete with a well assorted variety of books for boys and girls.

Teachers wishing to give their pupils Xmas gifts should visit our book section.

A new series of Animal and Bedtime Stories, by Ethelbert Walsh, reg. 65c., for 50c. each.
The Campfire Girls series, 15 titles, only 50c. each.
The Long Trail Boys, many titles, 50c. each.
Boy Scouts Annual, $1.25.
Hurlburt's Life of Christ and Stories of the Bible, $2.25.
36 titles good fiction, 85c. each.

"LINGERIE" MAKES CHARMING GIFTS FOR THE WOMEN FOLK

It appeals, because of its charming daintiness, its usefulness and its reasonable pricings.

Broadcloth Bloomers in Black and colors, $1.75.
Silk Bloomers, $3.00, $3.75, $4.25 and $4.50.
Broadcloth Slips, $2.95, in colors.
Lined Silk Slips, $5.00.
Long Camisoles, $2.39 and $2.50.
Voile Step-ins and Chemise, $5.25 and $4.75, pastel colorings.
Fancy Brassieres, $2.25, $2.50, $3.50, $3.75 and $5.00.
Boudoir Slippers, bead and fur trimmed, 95c. to $2.00 pair.

Winter Kimonos, $6.50, $9.50 and $11.00.

LET YOUR GIFT BE ONE LONG REMEMBERED CHOOSE ONE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL COATS

Surely some one member of your family would appreciate and gladly welcome a Fur Coat this Xmas. Can't you make her dream come true ?

One of our beautifully created fur coats will give years and years of satisfactory service.

We are now showing coats in all the fashionable furs.

We guarantee our prices as well as our qualities.

KEEP THE CHEST FULL OF WARM BLANKETS OUR CHRISTMAS ASSORTMENTS ARE COMPLETE

In choosing gifts of bedding you can't go wrong, because no home really ever has enough. Our present stocks offer you unusual scope for individual selection.

Kenwood Blankets in plain and checks, $9.25 and $10.50 each.

Best quality Canadian Wool Blankets, $10.50 to $12.50 pair.

Best quality Flannelette Blankets $2.19 up to $2.89.
Kenwood Crib Blankets, $5.25 each.
Carriage Covers, Kenwoods, $2.25 each.

PLEASING WOMEN WITH SILK STOCKINGS WILL BE EASY THIS XMAS IF CHOSEN AT ROBINSON'S

Women's pure thread Silk Hose, heavy weight silk, Black only, $2.50 pair.
"Harvey" pointed heel Silk Hose, firm even weave, medium weight, shades Cameo, Fawn, Silver, Grey, Brown, White, Black, $1.75 pair.
"Venus" ribb elastic top pure Silk Hose, shades Dove, Oriental, Grey, Lariat, Nude, Airedale, Log Cabin, Black, $1.75 pair.
Art silk plated Hose, in heavy weight, Black, Sand, $1.00 pair.
Art Silk Hose with lisle top, Black, Grey, Sand,
Silk and Wool Hose in fancy wide stripe, color Grey, Sand, Cocoa, $1.50 pair.
Silk and Wool Hose in plain weave, shades are Sand, Cocoa, Grey, Black and White, $1.00 pair.

MEN'S HOUSE COATS, LOUNGING ROBES, BATH ROBES

AT SPECIAL PRICES TO CLEAR

One only, size 40, Taupe House Coat, $12.00 for $10.00.
One only, size 38, Mixed Blue Check House Coat, $11.50 for $10.00.
One only, size 38, Plain Blue House Coat, $12.00 for $10.00.
One only, size 38, Fawn Mixed House Coat, $15.00 for $12.00.
One only, size 40, Blue House Coat, $8.75 for $6.95.
One only Lounging Robe, plain Brown, size 40, $13.50 for $10.00.
One only Lounging Robe plain Moss Green, size 38, $13.50 for $10.00.
Three only Bath Robes, sizes 38, 40, 42, reg. $8.50 for $7.50.

THE BEST ASSORTMENT OF MEN'S EXTRA FINE SHIRTS THAT WE HAVE EVER HAD

They are being picked up rapidly for Christmas presents.
English Broadcloth Shirts at $2.95.
Special values in Silkene, Linene, etc., at $2.00, $2.50, $3.00, $3.45 and $3.95.
Let us show you this splendid assortment. They are out on table directly in front of the office.

Quality,
Service,
Value.

THE ROBINSON CO.
LIMITED

We close at 10 p.m. Saturdays. Other days at 5.30 p.m.